

# Keelboat

Sat. Feb. 18 @ 9:00am: Keelboat Follow-Up Planning Meeting

# **High School Sailing**

Tues. Mar. 7 @ 3:30pm-Kickoff of Spring Season

# **Friday Happy Hour**

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm



# **Commodore's Corner**

By David Meiser



Although it is winter, the start of our sailing season is right around the corner. Only six weeks from now, racers will be enjoying the first Spring Frostbite race and all of the comradery that goes with it, including the remarkable and ever-growing field of on-shore spectators. And the cruisers will be shaking the cobwebs off their happy hour bells in preparation of the April cruise to Rollins Cove. Regardless of your focus, we can all look forward to these early season on-the-water events.

However, during the second half of winter, you wouldn't know that SMSA is not in full swing. I hear nothing but good things about the Vice/Rear-Commodore's Dinners and weekly Friday Happy Hours----and for all the fun my family has on the ski team circuit, we miss these Friday get-togethers during the Winter. And of course, the upcoming Annual Gala on February 11th promises to be a great evening. It's always fun to see everyone all dressed-up and having fun. The Social Committee always does a great job and I am sure that this year will, once again, be exceptional.

Turning to some more serious business, hopefully everyone saw the note that I emailed to the membership last week. One of the avenues that the current Board would like to take, in furtherance of the property ownership objective, is the establishment of a Property Acquisition Strategic Planning Committee. This Committee will develop and oversee a plan to better position SMSA to responsibly accomplish real property acquisition within our measurable future. While we are just starting down this journey, the Board will be looking to assemble this important committee, and also seeking input from the membership at large to ensure this effort best aligns with the club's commonly shared priorities. This initiative will be critical to the future stability and sustainability of SMSA. The Board is interested in your thoughts, so please be sure to engage and let us know what you think.

We continue to have a very strong , active and dynamic membership, and I am looking forward to a great 2023. I look forward to seeing many of the new members providing great energy in their new roles in the club.

See everyone at the Gala.

David

# **MEMBERS CORNER**

## 2023 SMSA Yard Storage Announcement



The 2023 Small Boat season is coming up and it is time for the annual yard assignment lottery as prescribed by club policy. Please email your request for 2023 yard storage to Dockmaster Mark Witte at <u>mcwitte@md.metrocast.net</u> **NLT Feb. 4, 2023.** The lottery will be done the first week of February.

The policy can be found in the SMSA Policy Manual located on the SMSA Website (https://www.smsa.com/location.php)

## PHOTOS WANTED!!!



Jonathan Nepini is looking ahead at creating the 2023 SMSA Yearbook. We know there are lots of photos on Facebook as well as those previously published in the Clew, but if you have any photographs to share with Jonathan, please contact him or send the photos to communications@smsa.com



The 2023 Camp schedule and pricing is in work. You can go to the SMSA Website (<u>https://www.smsa.com/Jr/</u><u>Classes.php</u>) to signup to receive notification on when public registration is available.

# SMSA Annual Gala and Awards Banquet

The Greatest Event Off the Water!



Saturday, February 11th, 2023 Olde Breton Inn <u>5:30PM - 10:00PM</u>

An evening to celebrate our love of sailing, enjoy some music, acknowledge the hard working volunteers and hand out a few awards

> Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner: 6:30 p.m. 2022 Awards Presentations following Dinner

# **Buffet Selections:**

Round of Beef with carver au jus and horseradish Chicken Cordon Bleu Fried Oysters Dinner includes Garden Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Squash Souffle, Vegetable Medley, Dinner Rolls, Tea and Coffee

Tickets: \$65 per person; RSVP with payment by February 3rd, info at www.smsa.com

Seating capacity limited to 120 people. Get your tickets early!

# Featuring Live Music with DJ Carlton

Cash Bar available for drink purchases.

# Make it a Night to Remember!

Questions? Email social@smsa.com or call 443-684-SMSA (7672) and leave a message and we will return your call.



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

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).

**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 at facility@smsa.com)

# **2023 SUMMER SAILING CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

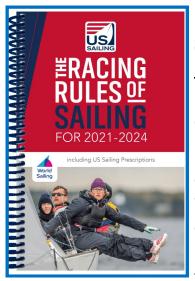
## **Camp Director & Instructors**

The club has job openings for a Sailing Camp Director and for Instructors for the summer of 2023.

**Camp Director**: The camp director needs to be <u>at least 21 years of age</u> and be able to go out daily on the water with the students and instructors. The director does not have to be a sailing instructor, but if capable, that is an advantage for the campers and SMSA. The director needs to learn to operate the SMSA safety boats and is responsible for the daily operations and management of the camp and its personnel. The director would work with and be trained by the SMSA Junior Chair. In the past, retirees, teachers, and college student sailors have all held the position.

**Instructors**: Instructors supervise and teach the students on land and on water. Instructors need to enjoy working with children and be good communicators. Instructors must be <u>at least 16 years old</u>, be seasoned dinghy sailors, competent in operation of powerboats, and eligible to obtain a US Sailing Level I Small Boat Instructor Certification. SMSA will be hosting an instructor class prior to the summer season to assist in instructor certification.

If you or anyone you know is a potential candidate for the positions, please contact Vice Commodore, Scotty Roland (vicecommodore@smsa.com) for additional information.



Dan Trammell will be presenting a **Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar** at the SMSA clubhouse on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 11th at 11:00 AM</u>. The seminar will go to 2:30 PM with a half-hour break at about 12:30. All skippers and crews are invited.

Dan will cover the rules using examples and how they apply to each situation. Definitions, starting area, upwind sailing, windward mark roundings, reaching, downwind sailing, leeward mark roundings, upwind finishes and downwind finishes will all be covered. The focus will primarily be on Part 2 of the RRS. Dan will

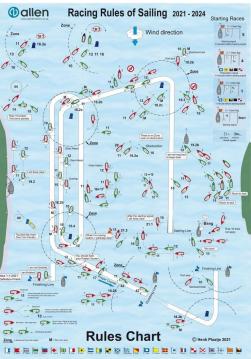
entertain any questions along the way and any examples you bring to share with the forum.

Dan is a certified US Sailing National Judge and has lectured extensively (CBYRA and member clubs) on the racing rules. He regularly lectures and coaches the Midshipmen of the US Naval Academy's Varsity Offshore Sailing Team on the racing rules.

Please remember to bring your rule book. If you do not have one, you can download a free copy at https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/10102248/2021-2024-RRS-with-Chgs-and-Corrns-v1to-4\_-Jan-1-2023.pdf

Free to SMSA members and their crew. Come and join the fun!

> If you're confused just looking at this chart, come listen to Dan break down the rules for many of these scenarios



# Eight Bells.....



Millard Maxwell Munger, Jr. (Max) passed unexpectedly at the age of 78. Max was a man of many passions including sailing, model railroading, and community service. He was an active member of any group that he was a part of and always volunteered his services which included SMSA.

It was one of Max's employers that initiated his purchase of a 17-foot Laser sailboat and his sailing career was launched.

Sherma and Max joined the Parish Creek Sailing Association after they purchased their first "overnight" sailboat (Sherma's Mink). Fairly quickly, they upgraded to their Catalina30 (SherMax) which allowed Max to enjoy both racing and cruising. Even though the commute from VA to MD where the boat was docked was long, you would find Max sailing and racing every available weekend.



Well before retirement, Max and Sherma moved to their present house in Lusby, MD where the boat had its own dock. Soon after, Max joined the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA). He was always willing to help where needed and for several years served as the bar chairman and was the Race Officer for many of the Women's Series Races. Max had a very successful run as a racer and was fortunate to have able crew members who became lifetime friends. Max continued as a member of SMSA and volunteered even after he stopped racing SherMax.



Max's enthusiasm for sailing extended to sailing smaller, radio-controlled boats, as well. As a volunteer for Calvert Marine Museum, he was involved with the Patuxent Small Craft Guild and the Solomons Model Boat Club. Many afternoons were spent in heavy competition with other radio-controlled skipjack owners (all of whom built their own boats).



Max was a wonderful man, volunteer and friend. He had a big heart, a great sense of humor and a willingness to help others. He will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him. A celebration of life event is in the planning stages and will be announced at a later date. The family would prefer no gifts or flowers; but ask that you keep in touch as your friendship is very important. If you feel the need to do something, donate to SMILE, Ecumenical Ministries, P.O. Box 1725, Lusby, MD 20657.



# THE 2023 WEBINARS ARE HERE!

### You must be a CBYRA Member to access this amazing series FREE. Join or renew your membership today!

## JOIN OR RENEW CBYRA MEMBERSHIP



### DAVE DELLENBAUGH

Three new webinar series will be lead by this champion helmsman, tactician, author, coach, rules expert and seminar leader who has spent his career helping sailors sail faster and smarter.

The first of the series **RACING ESSENTIALS** will offer four parts: Steering, Tacking, Communication/Decision-Making, and Conservative Sailing.

# JOIN US FOR RACING ESSENTIALS!

This four-part webinar for Series 1 begins **Monday**, **February 6 at 8:00 pm EST** and continues on the following three Mondays in February. Each session goes about 90 minutes and includes video, diagrams, animations, and quizzes. Participant questions are welcome!

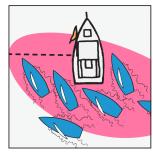
Participants receive: 1) links to attend all 4 live sessions; 2) all 'pre-read' materials sent out before each session; 3) unlimited access to REPLAYS of all sessions; and 4) a link to a Google doc with all the webinar Q&As.



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Each week we'll take a deep dive into one of these critical areas from strategic, tactical, technical and speed-oriented points of view. The content will apply to all types of boats, for skippers and crew.



# **1-STEERING**

## Monday, February 6-8:00 pm EST

A thorough look at how to turn the boat and keep it in the groove, both upwind and downwind, for skippers and crew.



# 2-TACKING

## Monday, February 13-8:00 pm EST

A detailed discussion of turning technique, trimming tips, and tactical considerations whenever you need to tack.



# **3-COMMUNICATION & DECISION MAKING**

## Monday, February 20-8:00 pm EST

An in-depth review of how your team should communicate and make decisions to keep the boat sailing fast and smart.



# **4-CONSERVATIVE SAILING**

## Monday, February 27-8:00 pm EST

An explanation of when you should take chances, and when you shouldn't, and how to implement a low-risk strategy.

# Registration is required: CBYRA members should use the red link below:

# **REGISTRATION FOR CBYRA MEMBERS**



# THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair social@smsa.com

The month of January was pretty quiet around the club. The only "social" event was to undecorate the club. It is always a sad day when the Christmas decorations come down.

I would like to thank Katharine and Paige for expediting the effort. I am not sure who helped them take everything down, organize and label, and then schlep everything back up to the attic but I want to send a HUGE thank you to all who volunteered their time to make this happen.

Upcoming is the Gala on February 11th. At this writing there are only 9 seats left. Get them if you can! Doors open at Old Breton Inn at 5:30 pm for appetizers, with dinner and awards and dancing to follow. I hope to see you there!



Commodore Meiser at the 2022 Gala

Tickets for the Gala are going fast. If you haven't' gotten your tickets, now is the time!

Click here for Tickets





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# CRUISERS CORNER



John Blaney Cruising Chair cruise@smsa.com



Cruisers, I hope you're working on your boat and getting it ready to participate in our cruise program. I'm anticipating a good year and working to get my boat's reliability improved.

The 2023 cruise destinations and dates have been determined and your Cruise Leaders are hard at work planning the cruises. Here's a little bit of what it takes to plan a cruise:

- Determine the day by day itinerary to include if you're going to anchor out or stay at a marina, providing the associated lat/long
- if it's a marina, contacting them and make a reservations for an estimated 6 SMSA cruisers, find out how they want individual bookings made and by when, provide that contact information
- what local services are nearby
- navigational mileage for each leg and a total for the cruise.
- And while they are at it checking on nearby sights, restaurants, etc., that can be visited and making reservations.

As Cruise Chair I get to combine all of these individual plans into the overall cruise program that's published in the yearbook and on our web site. My timing to get this ready for publishing is no later than the end of February.

Like any plan the cruises are liable to change, but we will be checking the weather and inform the participants of the status, including if the cruise needs to be cancelled. We had a few hurricane remnants cancel or modify a few cruises in 2022.

I'm looking forward to the happy hours, raft ups, peaceful anchorage sunsets, camaraderie, good restaurants and some fun competitive activities.

Hope you can join us for a cruise or two in 2023!

Think Cruising.

# KEELBOAT RACING



Erick Burger Keelboat Race Chair keelboatrace@smsa.com

Already February... and the season kick-off is fast approaching!

On Jan 21 we held the keelboat participant meeting. The meeting lasted for a couple hours, and I got several suggestions and recommendations; many of them well received but a few that will require additional discussion and agreement before enacting. Some of the new things we are going to try:

- Wednesday night "chalk talks" following the races While reading of the results, each of the top crews will share some of their wisdom/ tactics/ strategies used during the race. Anything from prestart, wind shifts, currents, to maneuvering and how to keep moving in light air. I will create a list of discussion items, so email your suggestions. This is to encourage learning and development within the SMSA racing body.
- During Friday Happy Hour: Shore Race Training and Crew Join-up Once a month, Friday happy hours will include a bit of race training. We would like skippers to come and show their support to the "newbies", perhaps invite them to participate in your programs, as well as share some of your wisdom. (who, what, how yet to be worked out).
- 3. Crew Member Join-up: have an early pre-season, and a mid-summer (warm weather) dedicated event to bring new to racing (either new to sailing, or those who have not raced before) out and introducing them to what racing is all about.
- 4. Race Committee:
  - a. All crews need to sign up... we WILL be monitoring this year, and potential for penalties for skippers not doing their part is high.
  - b. Having dedicated seasoned RC for the invitationals with a desire for higher number of shorter courses instead of single long courses. (i.e. (2) 2-mile courses vs (1) 4-mile course)
  - c. Some Wednesday Nights being RC Training nights bring folks interested in learning about RC along with seasoned RC to train and show the ropes.

Upcoming Events:

- 1. **Feb 18, 2023** @**0900**: *Follow-up Keelboat Participants Meeting*: There are some items that need additional discussion before we are able to enact, including:
  - PRHF vs ORC vs ORR: with a potential to split the fleets scoring (A&B using ORC, C&NS using PHRF or ORR)?

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- Middle distance races: potential for group self-starting as well as self-finishes.
- Invitationals: use of dedicated seasoned RC, desire for larger # of shorter courses (2-2 mile races instead of 1-4mile race), and developing or scheduling post-race events to draw more boats from around the bay.
- On-water race training: informal, as weather allows, weekend race and crew training with RC and a signal boat. (Still to be determine who, what, how)
- Feb most Saturdays: Racing Marks Clean and Prep Erick will be at the clubhouse working on marks and building new mooring anchors and ground tackle for marks (K, L, T & V).
- March 3, 4, 5, 2023: Racing Mark Deployment Depending weather, the floating marks (K, L, T & V) will be placed back into the water with new ground tackle and concrete moorings. Welcome to join Erick on RC boat.
- March 11th, 2023: Rules Review for those who want to refresh the rules of racing (RRS 2021 thru 2024), we are going to ask our resident Judge to come and give brief, followed by a discussion.
- March 12th, 2023: Frostbite #1 Kicking off the racing season with frostbites on Sundays. Rakali is first up for RC, and will probably be running it from the shore. If you're not going to race, come watch from RC at the end of Solomon's... I hear it's a good tailgate party!
- April 1st, 2023: Race Committee Operations and Boat Procedures For those who have not been on RC before, or those whom it's been a while, we are going to have an afternoon to review the Operations and running of Race committee, as well as go over all the RC Boat operations and procedures. Depending on participation and need, this may also turn into a RC Boat check-out for those who want to drive the RC Boat when it's you crews turn to run RC.



Spring Frostbite races are just around the corner. Are you ready for racing???





# All Hands on Deck!

It's going to be a challenge to top last year's 30th Screwpile. But with the energy and enthusiasm that I see in the club, we are on our way to doing just that. We're still 5-1/2 months out from the first start, but we are well underway with planning and executing the multitude of tasks that must come together to be ready for "game day".

The Screwpile Yacht Scoring website (<u>https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?</u> <u>eID=15617</u>) is up and accepting registrations... our Screwpile website (<u>screwpile.net</u>) is updated and running the traditional countdown of days, hours, minutes, seconds... the Screwpile Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/SplcRegatta</u>) is up and taking on posts and comments... CBYRA has distributed our Screwpile "Save the Date" flyer to all CBYRA members across the Bay (see page 15 in this CLEW issue)... and, we will be seeing the first of four full-page monthly Screwpile ads in in the March SpinSheet.

So, register your boat to race and/or sign up to volunteer to work Race Committee and/ or awards parties. A long summer weekend with 3 days of great racing and fun parties! You're going to want to be a part of it!

Thank you!

...Jim Keen, Chairman 2023 Screwpile

If you plan to race your boat, please register **as soon as possible** so we can show Bay racers that SMSA is supporting our club's regatta... again, (<u>https://</u><u>yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15617</u>). If you are able to work Screwpile (in any capacity), please send contact info and polo shirt size to Jim at <u>chair-man@screwpile.net.</u>



## Event Website: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617

### Regatta Headquarters located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers, is Solomons, MD

Free dockage for Safe Harbor marina members – 20% discount for all others

### Dates: July 14th, 15th, 16th 2023

Skippers' Check-in -*Thursday, July* 13<sup>th</sup> Racing, Awards, Social - *Friday, July* 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July16<sup>th</sup> EVERY NIGHT SHORESIDE:

> Daily Awards – each Class Cold Draft Beer and Mount Gay Rum Drinks Food Truck next to the tent Music 3 nights Regatta Apparel on sale at the CHESAPEAKE CUSTOM EMBROIDERY Tent

### **Racing Program:**

#### PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS:

3 days of racing on the Chesapeake Bay PHRF, and One-Design Classes Windward/leeward racing Expert Race Management

### CRUISING FLEETS: CRCA Cruisers (Spin and Non-Spin)

3 days of racing, including all 3 nights of parties, at a reduced entry fee Racing with Fixed, government marks One open course, middle distance race each day

### TO ENTER: Enter ON-LINE at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617

### **ENTRY FEES:** PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS \$170

### **CRUISING FLEETS \$135**

Note: \*CBYRA Members deduct \$10.00 from Race Fee\*

SPLC Event Chairman: James Keen SPLC Principal Race Officer: Don Behrens

For information: Contact Jim Keen at (240) 925-1173, or email chairman@screwpile.net



# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson High School Program Chair hssailing@smsa.com

# Come join the FUN!! Patuxent River Sailing Team

# WHEN:

Tuesday & Friday 3:30pm—6:30pm Team Free-Sail on Thursdays 3:30pm—6:30pm Regatta on selected Weekends

## WHERE:

Southern Maryland Sailing Association 14490 Solomons Island Road Solomons, Maryland

# WHO:

Students in 7th—12th Grade ....No experience required!





LEARN TO SAIL FOR FUN OR TO COMPETE



**SPRING SEASON:** This 10 week season begins on Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**SEASON FEE INCLUDES:** 

- ⇒ Sailing Instruction
- ⇒ Racing Coaching
- ⇒ Interscholastic League Competition
- ⇒ 420 Sailboats Season Use

Find us at smsa.com/hssailing OR via email hssailing@smsa.com See you on the water!

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www.smsa.com

# SMALLBOAT RACING



## **Steve Birchfield**

Smallboat Race Chair smallboatrace@smsa.com

I am excited to announce we will be adding 3 new stand alone races to our small boat schedule in 2023! This will include 2 fun races called "The Beer and Soda run" and "The Rum Runners Regatta", and a Laser one design race called "Sharks with Lasers!"

It is my hope that our club members can enjoy more "fun" sailing events like our famous Bucctoberfest and bring some new sailors from around the Chesapeake to our club.

I'm planning to have a small boat pre-season meeting on February 16th at 6pm where I can't wait to tell you about these new races, the idea and history behind their names and share with you the plan for our season. At the meeting you will also be able to sign up and pick the two dates you would like to sign up to be RC for our Thursday night season. If you're not a small boat racer and would still like to sign up to help, we would love to have you join us Thursday nights.

Stay tuned in the next few weeks as I complete the NoRs for our racing and we get them posted on the SMSA website. I look forward to seeing everyone on Feb.16th and ultimately out on the water sailing once again!







# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

<u>CLASSIFIED ADS</u>		
<i>Twice Around</i> , 1977 Catalina 30. grades including hull paint, comp bank and Wi-Fi navigation. FWC Shawn or Laura for more details, \$9,900. Offers considered. <u>sstanley511@gmail.com</u> , <u>llcstanle</u>	olete re-wire with 230Ah house Atomic4 runs great. Contact a million pictures or a tour.	
Jib roller furler and mainsail lazy hull and deck; 10 HP Yanmar Die new gas tank; tiller steering; Gan er; Marine radio and auto-pilot; I	s around 2010 and used for rac- t has been kept on a boatlift on 2016 so bottom is clean. Classic ak work. Features include mast, dition – main, jib and spinnaker; jacks, installed in 2016; Awlgrip esel engine with low hours and rmin chart plotter and depth find- New batteries and onboard eems; Sleeps three, basic kitchen ed water tank, little used. Ask-	
Buccaneer project for donation to	o new handyman owner!	
Lonely boat looking for a friend!		
Needs work on cam cleats otherw stalled last year. Mainsail and rig have been using a Flying Scott re naker. Trailer up to date with new electritices. Sailed once last season.	ging in good order. Jib missing, eplacement. Not set up for spin- rical wires, light fixtures, and	
	ling to put in the work needed to	
Boat is free, trailer at current ma	arket value, to be determined.	
Two open Bic's (Now called Open My kids moving on to lasers. Boat #1 Great condition both hul built ~2014 \$2500 Boat #2 Hull shows the age, but and sail in great shape. ~2008 \$ Willing to sell both for \$3500. Contact Tom Moulds moulds.tom	ll, rig, and sail, with dolly. Year no structural issues. Newer rig 1800	
20' Lightning Class wood sailboat dian Landing in 1954. Includes of trailer, mast, and sail. Located \$6,000 OBO. Contact Edward Ha	in Lusby, Maryland. Asking	
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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.

**West Marine**Pro.

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!

