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Board of Directors

Mon. Mar. 13: Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

High School Sailing

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

Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar

Sat. Mar. 11 at 11:00am
See Page 8 for additional details

Keelboat

Sun. Mar. 12, 19, 26 & Apr. 2: Spring Frostbite Races

Commodore's Dinner

Fri. Mar. 17 @6:30pm: This month's theme is Potluck—International!
See page 6 for additional details

Spring Equinox—Sock Burning

Mon. Mar. 20 @ 5:24pm—Doors open at 4:00pm
See page 2 for additional details

Social

Sat. Apr. 1 @ 9:00am: Opening Day

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm

MEMBERS CORNER

RC Boat Orientation

Saturday, April 1, 2023, immediately following Opening Day there will be a training session for operation of the Race Committee as well as RC Boat operations and procedures. Regardless of whether you participate in Keelboat, Smallboat or special events and need to learn about Race Committee or how to operate the RC boat, come out and get trained.



Point of Sale Training (Square)

Per request, we will be holding training on the SMSA Point of Sale system on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. For those that want to help with bartending, help sell merchandise for summer camp, sell drink tickets at Screwpile, or just want to help. Please RSVP to treasurer@smsa.com.



You are invited to a party at SMSA, a party about coming of spring!

As winter slowly fades away and the days become longer, the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) eagerly anticipates the arrival of the Spring Equinox. This marks the beginning of the racing season, and what better way to celebrate this occasion than by participating in the Sock Burning tradition, which is observed annually and originated in nearby Eastport, MD. The Burning of the Socks has its roots in the boating community, and it serves as a symbolic way to shed the old and welcome in the new. Sailors in Eastport, MD have been participating in this tradition for decades, and it has since become a popular regional event that draws in locals and visitors alike.

For the members of the SMSA, the Sock Burning marks the start of the racing season and signals the beginning of an exciting time for sailors in the area. As temperatures rise, boats are launched back into the water, and sailors prepare for the upcoming races and regattas throughout the region. To celebrate the arrival of spring and the start of the racing season, SMSA is organizing a party and sock burning gathering to be held in the club boatyard. Members and friends of members are invited to come and participate in this tradition, which is sure to be a fun and memorable experience.

The event will be held on the day of the vernal or spring equinox which this year falls on March 20th and is astronomically official at 5:24PM. The vernal equinox marks the sun's crossing above the Earth's equator, moving from south to north. It will involve gathering around a bonfire and burning old socks (cotton, bamboo, or wool only please) in celebration of the new season. Participants are encouraged to wear boat shoes or sandals and bring a clean sock, symbolizing their readiness for the upcoming races. You may be booed for choosing a sock you are wearing but it is traditional and is an accepted practice.

The Sock Burning is a fun and meaningful way to celebrate the arrival of spring and the start of the racing season. For many sailors across the Bay and further afield, it holds a special place in their hearts and marks an important milestone in the sailing calendar. So, mark the date and join us in the SMSA boatyard on March 20th at 4PM for a fun-filled evening of burning socks and celebration!

There will be a list of food choices to bring that will be sent out in the email announcement. Please assist with the catering by bringing one item and help everyone enjoy the coming of spring.

More information as we get closer to the event.

Greetings All SMSA Members! I hope you have enjoyed the 'winter' and are ready for the new sailing season! Look for the **invoices for the 2023 Membership year** (April 1 – 31 March) to hit your inboxes mid-March for lump sum payees. For those on installment plans, the April invoices will reflect the updated 2023 fees.



This is also a great time to log into your membership account and update your membership information for any changes that may have occurred. For those with a PO Box, please ensure we have your accurate mailing address as well. (Click 'Member Login' from the menubar at www.smsa.com to get to your membership account.)

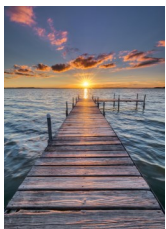
Race Registration: Remember to head to the Keelboat and Smallboat Racing pages on the SMSA website to register for the season racing. All boats planning to participate must REGISTER!

For those having two PHRF certificates (ex. Spin or Non-spin) or Portsmouth numbers, please ensure to register BOTH classes for your boat. Please add a discount code to your cart when registering the boat in it's second class so you don't pay twice – codes are available from the Member Discount code page in the Members Area of the SMSA website (<https://southernmarylandsailingassociation.theclubspot.com/members-only-home>).

For those already on the installment plan for race fees, please use the discount code for each registration as you are already paying the fee. Please select 'Pay Offline' and contact treasurer@smsa.com if you wish to switch to the installment plan.

NEW in the Members only area of the website: The Membership Directory! Check out the online membership directory!

Kristi Yurko
Membership Chair



The Dockmaster would like to thank John Blaney, Doug Hays, Don Brown, Shawn Stanley, and Kevin Pachas for help in moving boats around so that overhanging trees could be trimmed back. The same group, organized under Doug Hays's leadership also removed many bags of leaves from the club Yard.

Mark Witte
Dockmaster

RC BOAT NAMING CONTEST!

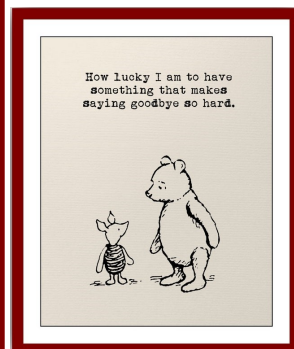
All SMSA Members (adult & junior) are invited to help us name the SMSA Race Committee Boat. We will have three judges select the name from those that are submitted and a prize will be awarded to the person submitting the best name.

The name can be whatever you choose but we would prefer it has a sailboat racing theme or in some way relates to the Race Committee. Once the name is chosen it will be displayed on the transom of the RC Boat along with SMSA in bold letters.

We would like to have the name selected prior to Opening Day. Therefore, please submit your entries no later than March 24 to Robin Witte at communications@smsa.com.

Thanks for your participation and I hope to see some very creative names!

Joe Frost
RC Boat Captain



As I step aside after serving seven years as Social Chair, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge everyone who supported the "Social" committee during my tenure. Thanks to everyone on the team for being so great to work with! It's been an honor to serve with such dedicated and supportive volunteers. Even though these volunteers were not in the spotlight they were the backbone of so many events over the years.

I would like to thank all of the extraordinary members of the team: Robin Witte, Betsy Dodge, Pat Schroeder, Lois Zonderman, Asha Andreas, Donna Maneely, Joan Blaney, Pricilla Bradley, Barbara Whited, Cori Grant, Wana Gillies, Kristi Yurko, Anna-Belle and Cora Yurko, Terry Farman, Alexa Peterson, Hannah Bulynko, Polly Traynham, Karen Eggert, Chris Eggert, Cristin Shiffer, Melinda Spring, Merrie Ruth Raley, Mary Szczglowski, Valerie Walter, Lisa and Tim Flaherty, Nicole Doub, Paige Smith, Jennifer Marbourg-Miller, Evie Miller, Rose Ray, Shannon Pico, Debra Brown, Katherine Woodworth, Kelley Rogers, Rhonda LaFleur, Haley Sibley, Norma Floyd, Chuck Floyd, Susan St. George, Steven Birchfield, Katharine Gaines, Ana Silveira, Brian Stewart, Michael and Cassie Witham, and Kati Keith. WOW!!!! That's a lot of volunteers!

I welcome aboard Katherine Woodworth and Paige Smith as the new Social Chairs. I know that they will bring new energy and a fresh perspective to the role. I look forward to supporting them here at SMSA.

With respect and admiration,
Jody Keen



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



BE THE ONE WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!

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 at least 21 years of age 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 at least 16 years old, 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.



Saturday March 4 at the SMSA Clubhouse

Brunch starts at 9:00am

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR CLASS with artists Linda Craven and Mimi Little, Beth Beighley, Terry Farman

Two Classes will be offered:

- First Class 9am-11pm
- Second Class 2pm-4pm (Mimi Little will be teaching how to paint a sailboat with acrylics)

One-on-one instruction is provided. All supplies included for you to take your finished painting home!!

Reservations advised

\$50 in advance (tax-deductible donation)

\$75 at the door

For reservations contact Terry Farman 443-968-1849 by text

Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation is a 501C3 which supports High School Sailing Teams of St Mary's County



<https://www.somdsailing.org/foundation>

Commodore's Dinner—Potluck International



St Patrick's Day is a worldwide celebration of being Irish. We go everywhere and eat everything. So we're going to make this Pot Luck an International Cuisine Day not just Irish.

Bring a favorite dish from any nationality but let's not all do Irish or Italian. I know there might be Spanish, and German, but consider Asian, Mexican, Greek, Indian, to name a few cuisines. Don't forget international starters and deserts.

The first letter of your last name determines what you bring.

A-L: Dessert

M-R: Main Dish

S-Z: Salad & Bread

Your host: John Blaney

Rear Commodore

SMSA Spring Cleanup Day



Saturday, March 18th starting at 9am is Spring Cleanup Day. We need members to help us go through the complete facility, to organize and sort out stuff we want to keep and dispose of the rest, plus clean up and sweep everything.

We need PEOPLE to come and help. We'll supply coffee and sticky buns to get everyone kick started.

If you have a trailer that we can borrow so that stuff that needs to be removed can be hauled off to donate elsewhere, take to Appeal for recycling or dumping, and even haul back home, etc., please contact John Blaney (facility@smsa.com).

Wear suitable clothes and gloves as the work can be scruffy and dirty.

Facility Standards, Donations and Dumping:

We do have and would like to improve our facility standards.

Unfortunately, the facility has become a bit of a dumping ground for both boat and household items no longer needed by you and stuff just turns up. Please refrain from doing this. If it turns up it may get dumped whether you like that or not.

We are also not a dumping ground or even temporary storage for boats, trailers, sails, rigging, paint, epoxy, lifting hoists, fuel, chemicals, furniture, appliances, etc., or bits of any of them. We do use and store some of them, and if we do we need to keep them stored and organized in the correct manner away from summer camp participants, etc.

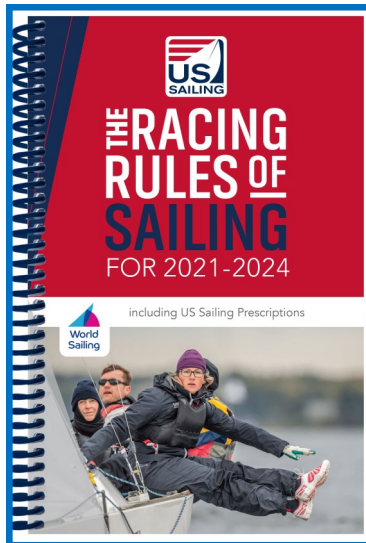
We will be single minded and surgical about disposing of stuff already in the club so whether you donated it or not, please understand that we're not a 2nd hand thrift shop. Remember its not yours anymore and like you, our need for it may have changed.

Future Donations:

We'd like that any future stuff donated to the club fits with our needs, standards, and décor. My objective is to try and improve our standards so that going forward, we are consistent in style, quality, colors, etc., with what we already have or are planning to get. So, please send the facilities chair a description with a color photo of what you are offering, and we'll let you know whether we will accept it or not.

Cleanup Activities:

We will be cleaning the clubhouse starting at the front patio all the way to the dock area. If you have a project for us to consider please email John (facility@smsa.com). Items include but are not limited to the Front Patio (ex. area around the transformer, pressure wash the patio, seal cracks, etc.); Front room (ex. New photos on the wall, clean chairs, check/re-level the tables, rehang club burgees, etc.); Bar Area (ex. Install new furnace filter, sweep/mop floors, remove excess equipment, etc.); Middle Room (ex. Sort through shelves/file cabinets, sort through kids items, sort through movable bar, sweep/mop floor, etc.); Hallway (ex. Sweep/mop floors, tidy the shelves).....and the list goes on.



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

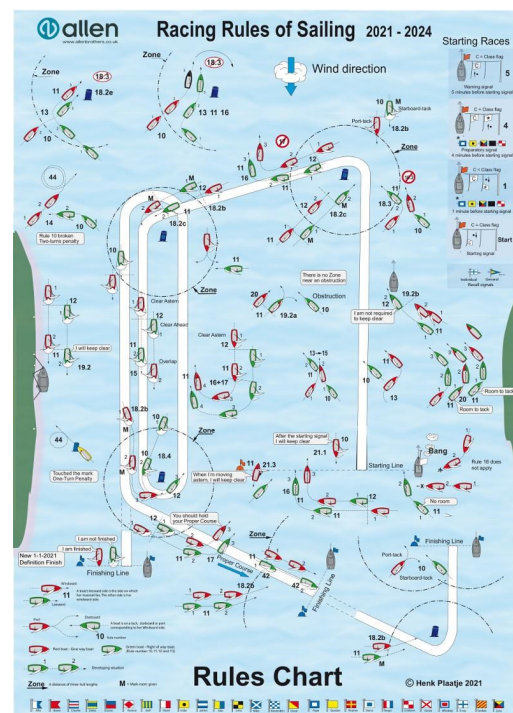
Dan will cover the rules using examples and how they apply to each situation. Definitions, starting area, upwind sailing, windward mark roundings, reaching, downwind sailing, leeward mark roundings, upwind finishes and downwind finishes will all be covered. The focus will primarily be on Part 2 of the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





THE SOCIAL SCENE

Katherine Woodworth & Paige Smith, Co-Chairs
social@smsa.com



The Social Committee was on fire (literally and figuratively!) leading up to the club's annual gala! The event was a complete success as a result of the committee's organization, planning and preparation.

First and foremost, many thanks to Jody Keen who has been leading this team for the past 7 years and all of her efforts leading up to the Gala.

Thanks to Nichole Doub, Karen Eggert, Jennifer Marbourg, Haley Sibley, Robin Witte and Katherine Woodworth for baking the cookies and cupcakes. Thanks to everyone who came to Jody's house to help with the cookie and cupcake decorating, Kristi, Annabelle and Cora Yurko, Jen Marbourg, Evie Miller, Joan Blaney, Haley Sibley, Kati Keith, Paige Smith, Katherine Woodworth, Karen Eggert, Donna Maneely, and Robin Witte. An additional shout out goes to Jody Keen for hosting an evening of laughter and excitement as we enjoyed great food and drink while decorating the cookies and cupcakes in traditional nautical themes.

Special thanks goes to Jody Keen, Katherine Woodworth, Tim Davis, Sandy Martin, and Robin Witte for decorating the tables at the Olde Breton Inn on the morning of the gala. The place looked amazing and many members expressed their appreciation and gratitude during the evening.

We look forward to this year's upcoming events and will keep you posted of the club's "Social Scene"!



Checking out the instructions, then
let the decorating commence!!!

Gala Celebration



CRUISERS CORNER



John Blaney
Cruising Chair
cruise@smsa.com



Cruisers,

Its late Feb so only 6-8 weeks to go – hope all the boat jobs are in progress and you get to splash early. Our first cruise is a shakedown up the Pax to Rollins Cove scheduled for the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd.

That one doesn't involve making reservations but when we get the schedule published on the website soon you'll all need to figure out which cruises you're going on and make associated marina reservations. It's a bit like flying post pandemic – all of them will be busy so its first come first served.

Your cruise leader should have at least alerted the marinas that there will be a SMSA cruise group arriving on specific dates. However it up to you individually to make your own reservations. Some do it directly, some use Snag-a-Slip or Dockwa. All will need boat name, LOA, Draft, and beam plus power requirements. Most will take a credit card for a 1 night deposit but pay attention to their cancellation policy. If you cancel later do so before their cancellation deadline which you should put in your calendar. Most are 2-3 days before arrival date otherwise you lose your deposit or even get charged for the whole stay. If it's a holiday then that could be expensive.

Before you get on the water evening time occupational therapy should be doing the following:

1. Do your own reading about the locations using cruise guides and such,
2. Check your charts for any navigation or draft issues
3. Update your Chartplotter, and
4. Add routes and waypoints for cruises.

Weather will be something to check closer to the actual dates. Remember - a cruise plan is a plan and Plans Change so stay alert for updates and possible weather related modifiers.

For your consideration: The Wye River Cruise is still in the planning stages but SMSA will be able to join the EYC Memorial Weekend get together under the auspices of the

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Chesapeake Bristol Club of which Randy and Warna Gilles are members and who are our cruise leaders. The EYC program specifics are not yet published but check <https://www.eastportyc.org/wye-island> for updates. Please don't call/email the organizer contacts as we will inform you of how we need to handle this. Likely there's a reservation needed, a paid Pavilion BBQ dinner (~\$50/head), various gatherings, races, and activities for both kids and adults. Dogs are allowed but leashed. People are also encouraged to arrive by land. The overall plan (based on 2022 flyer) is arrive Sat early pm, with an informal get together Sat evening. Sunday is races and adult/kid games, and the BBQ dinner. Monday is head home.

Cruising to me is a social activity with some sailing involved. Most cruisers love interfacing with other cruisers using their shared experiences so I recommend we should participate and build our shared interest resource group. Who knows you may end up with more lifelong friends. If this isn't to your liking, our cruiser directions allow 2 or more cruisers to choose to go to somewhere nearby and still get points. We can use this to have an alternate less involved one.

Think New Cruising Friendships



KEELBOAT RACING



Erick Burger

Keelboat Race Chair

keelboatrace@smsa.com

How is it March Already? Some of you are already back on the water and enjoying the mild winter weather; others of you are finishing up your off season boat projects; and still others of us are trying to figure out how to get everything completed to kick-off the season!

Keelboat registration (i.e. race fees) is LIVE on the website. All boats (old and new) will need to sign-up. (https://www.smsa.com/Race/KBRace_2023.php & select "Season Registration). If a boat is on the installment plan for race fees or if they want to register their boat for a second fleet (ex: Non-spin and B-fleet), go to the Member Login area of the SMSA Website (<https://southernmarylandsailingassociation.theclubspot.com/member-coupons>) to get a Discount code so you only have to pay race fees once.

On February 18th we held a follow-up keelboat participants meeting which started at 0900 and lasted until about 1330. Many folks showed up in person while a couple folks joined via Zoom. Thank you all for your time and input. The following things were solidified and will show-up in the 2023 SI's once they are finished:

Invitationals:

- Moving the times from 1100 to 1300
- Changing the racing fees from \$45 to only \$25 since we are not hosting any post race events and are looking to increase outside participation.
- Granting a request by CRCA to compete using ORR-ez certificates. This will be a new fleet with an independent start if there are more than 5 boats signed up for this fleet.

Frost Goode:

- Allowing for self timed finishes, thus removing the time limit for RC to be on station.
- Changing the top mark to be 3 boat length distance and magnetic bearing to mark before turning around, instead of having to sail around the mark due to shallow water.

Middle Distance Races:

- Will retain formal starting sequence run by RC boat (no self starting)

Mixed Couples:

- The Mixed Couples will remain a mixed couples fun race associated with the cruis-

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ing event, instead of becoming a "Crew of 2".

Once all that was nailed down the remaining several hours were spent in discussion on PRHF vs VPP based Handicapping systems (ORR-ez). Mark Witte, Jim Whited, and Dan Trammell all presented some work they have done in the background showing pro's/ con's, what, how, and why. In the end, it was decided that a survey would be put out to past, current and future racing participants and held open until 25 Feb. Results are not available at this time, but keelboat racing leadership is going to look into how to most expeditiously and cost effectively implement any changes that are desired by the community. Much more to come on this topic.

Looking for volunteers to help with:

Wednesday night "chalk talks" following the races – While reading of the results, each of the top crews will share some of the wisdom/ tactics/ strategies used during the race. Anything from prestart, wind shifts, currents, to maneuvering and keeping moving in light air. This is to encourage learning and development within the SMSA racing body.

Friday Happy Hour Shore Race Training and Crew Join-up – Once a month, Friday happy hours will include a bit on racing training. We would like skippers to come and show support to the "newbies" and invite them to your programs, as well as share some of your wisdom on the topic of the evening. (who, what, how yet to be worked out)

Crew Member Join-up - increasing the number of crew joining events from just the one in April.

Upcoming Events:

- **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. (See page 8 for details)
- **March 12th, 2023: Frostbite #1** – Kicking off the racing season with frostbites on Sundays. Rakali is first up for RC, and are planning to run 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 your crews turn to run RC.

SMSA Keelboat Racing Survey Results

25 Responses Received

Thanks to everyone that came out to the keelboat meetings and those that participated in the survey. It's great to see the passion that exists among our racers. I know that there are strong opinions when it comes to the scoring system used for our races. There was some very good discussion on the subject during the two meetings. As promised, we conducted a survey that was open to all past, present, and potential future racers. The below graphs show the results of the three most relevant questions.

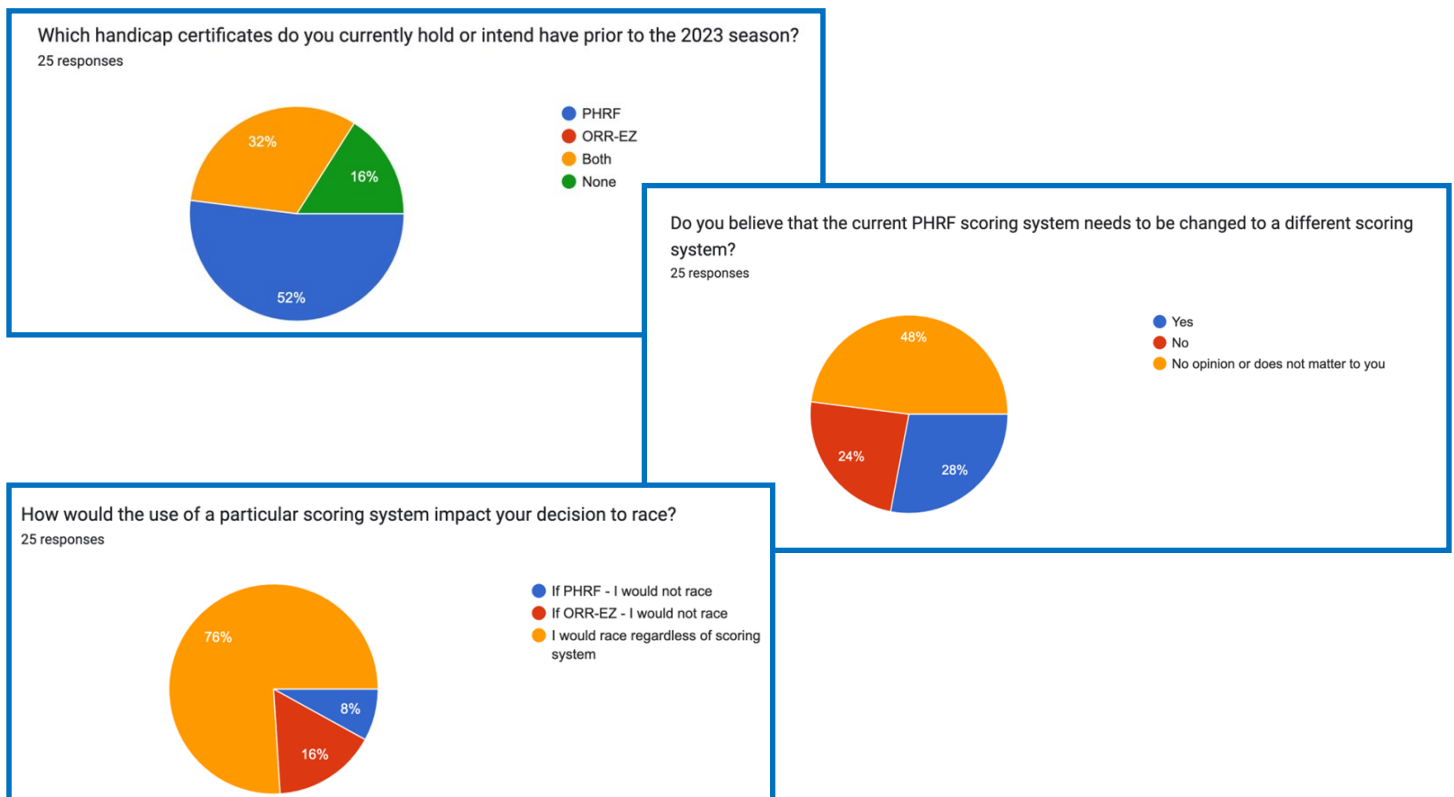
Roughly half the club said that they had no opinion or the scoring system didn't matter to them. There were almost an equal number that believed that we should keep PHRF scoring, as thought the system needs to be changed (24% to 28%).

Just over 75% of the respondents said that the scoring system would not affect whether they would race or not. Of those that the scoring system would affect whether or not they would race, a change away from PHRF would potentially take more boats off the line.

The Keelboat Chair and I will discuss the results and make a determination on what if any changes will be made for the upcoming season. Again, thanks to all for your thoughts and ideas.

I look forward to a great season!

Scott Roland
Vice Commodore





Those of us serving on the 2023 Screwpile Planning Committee (David Meiser, 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 four and a half months out, participants are beginning to register. July 14th-16th will be here before we know it.

Thank you to our great sponsors. They make it possible for us to put on one of the top regattas on the Chesapeake. Our many sponsors include: SpinSheet, AMEWAS, Toyota of Southern Maryland, Mount Gay Rum, Bosick Distributors (Beer), Regatta Craft Mixers, Anne Arundel Dives Services, Safe Harbor Zahnisers, Chesapeake Embroidery, West Marine, and new this year... Evolution Sails Chesapeake Bay. We are very pleased to welcome Jerry Latell and his Evolution Sails loft in Deltaville, Virginia to our list of loyal Screwpile sponsors. Please support our generous sponsors... drink rum, buy a new car or a new sail! 😊

Don Behrens serves as the regatta's Principal Race Officer and will also be out there in his familiar spot on the Signal Boat as PRO for the ORC/PHRF/OD course. John Herbig will serve as PRO on the Cruiser course. They will be supported by, you, the many SMSA volunteers, most of which have performed Signal and Mark Boat duties for several years. Thank you to all the many volunteers who will be out there on the water supporting your fellow sailors, as well as those working the myriad of shoreside tasks. A welcome and special thanks to all the newbie volunteers who will be helping out for their first time.

As we're back again to our traditional mid-summer Screwpile, we'll see the traditional crowd around the Z's swimming pool, nursing their beverage of choice after full day of racing. The Pool Bar is expected to be open, and hungry sailors who cannot wait until after the party to get something to eat, will be able to pick up something there or from a local food truck that will be on site. Additionally, Dave Lundwall will be on hand with his familiar Hot Dog cart. Of course, our expert Screwpile bartenders will be mixing their delicious Mt Gay Rum Punch, and Bosick Distributors will have a Beer Truck at the tent with cold draft Corona, Coors Light, and a heavy lager. We will have music all three nights... John Luskey on Friday, The Pax Rats on Saturday, and DJ Amy Costanzo spinning records on Sunday. Chesapeake Embroidery will be back selling the customary Screwpile regatta apparel and look for another drawing with WEST Marine giving

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Screwpile... 14th-16th July 2023

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

Regatta Headquarters located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers,  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 13th*

Racing, Awards, Social - *Friday, July 14th - Sunday, July 16th*

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:

ORC, PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS:

3 days of racing on the Chesapeake Bay

ORC, PHRF, and One-Design Classes

Windward/leeward racing

Expert Race Management

CRUISING FLEETS: CRCA Cruisers (Spin and Non-Spin), ORC Cruisers

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: ORC, 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

Save the Dates!

Crusty Crab Dive Services, LLC, maintaining vessels in the SOMD area.

Crusty Crab Dive Services started as a passion and hobby for Phil Sibley Jr. Phil began boating at an early age and has been sailing for 10 years, once he completed his dive certifications, he started maintaining his own boats hulls throughout the year.



We offer the following services:



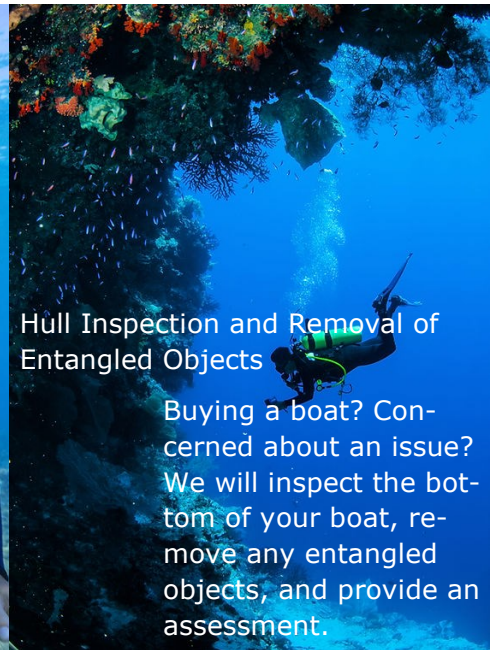
Hull & Bottom Cleaning Plans

Buying a boat? Concerned about an issue? We will inspect the bottom of your boat and provide an assessment.



Hull & Bottom Single Cleanings

Maintain your hull and lengthen your bottom paint by keeping your hull cleaned throughout the year.



Hull Inspection and Removal of Entangled Objects

Buying a boat? Concerned about an issue? We will inspect the bottom of your boat, remove any entangled objects, and provide an assessment.



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For more information contact:

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Or check out their website:

<https://www.crustycrabdiveservicesomd.com/>



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

High School Program Chair

hssailing@smsa.com

The season opening party is Tuesday, March 7th at 5:00pm with a parent briefing and welcome tour for new sailors. We'll clean and rig the boats on Thursday and Friday (March 9th & 10th), and plan to be on the water by Tuesday, March 14th. Our first regatta (waitlisted) could be as early as April 1st - with our first confirmed regatta on Saturday, April 15th - so plenty of time to practice!

Please pass the word to friends, families, neighbors - both in Calvert County and St. Mary's County!

High School Regatta schedule (both Varsity and Junior Varsity):

- Sat, April 1 - DC Sail - waitlisted
- Sun, April 2 - West River - waitlisted
- Sat, April 15 - DC Sail
- Sun, April 16 - Girls event at Gunston
- Sat, April 22 - Patuxent - **pending**
- Sun, April 23 - Kent Island
- Sat, April 29 - Baltimore Sailing Center (JV)
- Sat, April 29 - Ryken (Varsity)
- Sat, May 6 - Gunston
- Sun, May 7 - Kent Island
- Sat, May 13 - Baltimore
- Sat, May 20 - JV Champs / Baltimore - tbd



High School and Middle School Sailing!!

WHEN:

Tuesday Thursday & Friday 3:30pm—6:30pm
- SMSA club races Thursdays 6:30pm—8:30pm
- Regatta on selected Weekends

WHERE:

Southern Maryland Sailing Association
14490 Solomons Island Road
Solomons, Maryland

WHO:

Public / Private / Homeschoolers
Students in 7th—12th Grade
...No experience required!



**The 2023 Spring 10-week season begins on
Tuesday, March 7th at 5pm**



For more information see our website smsa.com/hssailing OR contact us
via email hssailing@smsa.com
See you on the water!

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 Zahnsers 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 donation to new handyman owner!

Lonely boat looking for a friend!

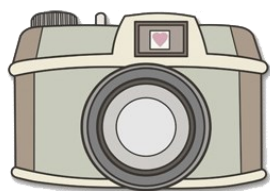
Needs work on cam cleats otherwise sound. New centerboard installed last year. Mainsail and rigging in good order. Jib missing, have been using a Flying Scott replacement. Not set up for spinnaker.

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
Will donate to club or anyone willing to put in the work needed to get back on the water.



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

CLASSIFIED ADS

Two open Bic's (Now called Open Skiff) ready to sail by juniors. My kids moving on to lasers.
 Boat #1 Great condition both hull, rig, and sail, with dolly. Year built ~2014 \$2500
 Boat #2 Hull shows the age, but no structural issues. Newer rig and sail in great shape. ~2008 \$1800
 Willing to sell both for \$3500.
 Contact Tom Moulds moulds.tom@gmail.com



20' Lightning Class wood sailboat, built on the Severn River at Indian Landing in 1954. Includes center board, transom rudder, trailer, mast, and sail. Located in Lusby, Maryland. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Contact Edward Hainke at 410-326-2888.

Sherma Munger is looking to re-home several of Max's vintage sailing books.

- The 54th edition of Chapman Piloting
- Sail Power by Wallace Ross
- Sail and Power by Henderson
- America's Sailing Book, Bill Robinson
- A Cruising Guide to the Chesapeake by Will Stone and Fessenden Blanchard.

If you are interested, please email Sherma at semunger1@gmail.com

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out free boat stuff.

If you are an SMSA racer or cruiser/racer, please register now at Yacht Scoring... <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=15617>. There's something for everyone... ORC, PHRF, and one design racing on the windward leeward course and racing with fixed government marks on the CRCA and ORC Cruisers course. It's always good to show early numbers of registrations to attract more racers. Hope to see you all out there.

Thank you!

...Jim Keen, Chairman 2023 Screwpile

New Member SPOTLIGHT

We wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to some of the new members that have joined the club over the past months. Not all wish to have their names in 'lights' in the Clew, but we still want to welcome them – so if you see new faces around the clubhouse introduce yourselves and help them get integrated into the SMSA Family. Happy Sailing!

Spencer Wait



Spencer Wait is back! We want to welcome Spencer back to SMSA. He is excited to get his J70 on the starting line. Keep an eye out for his kids Jacob (16) and Adelina (11) as well!

Elaine Carr and Charles Nicely



Their primary home is in Denver, Colorado, but their boat Festina Lente is waiting for them at Safe Harbor Zahnisers. They look forward to cruising with SMSA and exploring the Chesapeake!

Sean Richardson

It has been a year since I joined SMSA and what a whirlwind has it been. Overcoming personal obstacles, I found the Club to be very supportive and family oriented. I have made several great friendships with other members and learned after sailing and boating since age 5, that you're not who you used to be or as good as you thought you were. Crewing experiences on other member's boats have given me some much needed drive to get back in the game and improve on older skill sets. My sailboat broke down at SIYC and the rest is history...

Robert Beckman

I am a cruising sailor and have done so on the Chesapeake for 31 years on 3 boats. Prior to that I have owned boats in Hawaii and the Mediterranean. With the help of friends I have sailed around Oahu, from Athens Greece to Naples Italy and from Maine down the Chesapeake. My wife does not sail, but my daughter Natalie and son Richard do, and plan to teach my 4 young grandchildren in the next few years. I keep my Saga 43 at the mouth of St. Leonard's creek, and its name of "Phaeton" is clearly visible in foot tall letters near the stern. I am looking forward to cruising in company with other members and helping out with club activities.

Martin Howell



I've been coming to small boat events at SMSA for ~25 years. After getting frustrated with exorbitant marina costs in Alexandria and two sailing clubs with no facilities, I decided to give SMSA a try for the 2022 season. And I'm very glad I did!! I only sailed one Thursday night race in 2022, but I plan on doing more in 2023 (with John Herbig). I'm enjoying the social events, especially the Friday happy hours. The 90-minute drive is worth it for the quality of sailing, the people and facilities at SMSA. I've been lucky enough to join the Keen's onboard Dauntless for a few races. I'm hoping to add a larger keelboat (back) to the collection in a few years for racing/cruising and so I have a place to stay in Solomons. I've already met some great people at SMSA and look forward to meeting more of you.



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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!

