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## Social

Sat. Jun. 10: SMSA Luau (see page 4 for details)

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## Board of Directors

Mon. Jun. 12: Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

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## Keelboat

Wed. Jun. 7, 14, 21, 28: Wednesday Night B-Series  
Sat. Jun. 24: Smith Point Race (SMSA High Point)  
Sun. Jun. 25: Summer Invitational (CBYRA & SMSA High Point)

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## Smallboat Racing

Sat. Jun. 10: Smallboat Spring Invitational (CBYRA)  
Sun. Jun. 11: Broken Rudder Regatta  
Thurs. Jun. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Weekly Racing

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## Cruise

Fri.—Wed., Jun. 2—6: Oxford/Cambridge Cruise  
Sat.—Sun. Jun. 17—18: Summer Solstice Cruise  
Fri.—Sun. Jun. 23—25: Herrington Harbor South Cruise  
Fri.—Mon. Jun. 30-Jul. 3: 4th of July Cruise

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## Adult Learn to Sail

Tues. Jun. 6 & 20: Shore Classes (Part A & B) @ 6pm

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## Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm

# **MEMBERS CORNER**

## **Race Committee Boat Name Selected**

The votes were counted and the membership selected "FAVORED END" as the new name for the Race Committee Boat. Congratulations to Jim Keen who submitted the entry.

Mardy Millen is working on the graphics, so stay tuned for the official naming ceremony.

## **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!!**

**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](mailto:facility@smsa.com))

## **Lock the Club When You Go Day Sailing**

The club has been found open in the back with no one and no cars around. It's fabulous if you can take advantage of the lovely spring day and go for a sail, but you need to lock the club before you go out on the water. This removes temptation and potential damage to our mutual assets. All Members and Juniors have their respective access codes to the clubhouse (see your Welcome Letter), so locking up the club should not be an issue. We can't stress this enough, so please remember to relock all the doors and close the garage doors when you go sailing or leave the club if you are there during the day.



**St. Mary's Ryken**  
*A College Preparatory Catholic High School*

## **Head Sailing Coach Needed!!!**

St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown is searching for a new head sailing coach for the fall/spring seasons. If you are interested, please check out their website (<https://www.smrhs.org/about/careers>) or you can contact Jon Lombardo at 301-475-2814 ext. 433.

# JUNIOR



**Harry & Kati Keith**

*Junior Chairs*

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## Register Now for 2023 SUMMER SAILING CAMP!

SMSA is holding summer sailing camp in five 1-week sessions from July 10 through August 11, 2023.

We have classes for 2 levels:

Ages 8 – 12 in the Opti's

Ages 12 – 16 in the 420's

Tuition will be \$325 per weekly session.

Registration is now open for both members and the public. You can go to the SMSA Website (<https://www.smsa.com/Jr/Classes.php>) to register.

Tell your friends! There's plenty of slots available!

We would like to have an adult volunteer available for every camp day. If you can take a day, or two or three, to be on the water with the campers, please let us know what works for you and we'll put you on the calendar. You would be in one of the instructor skiffs, RhIBs, or on a kayak or a SUP if you prefer.

If you have any questions, please contact Junior Chairs, Kati & Harry Keith (junior@smsa.com) for additional information.





## THE SOCIAL SCENE

Katherine Woodworth & Paige Smith, Co-Chairs  
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May ushered in highs and lows to the club. The Kentucky Derby party at the beginning of the month was a blast, and everyone looked impressive dressed in their derby finest. Thank you to Chuck Floyd for putting together such an amazing event!



Sadly, the club lost a valued member and a great man with Brian Steuart's passing. Steven Birchfield organized a beautiful Celebration of Life and that allowed us all to witness the outpouring of support and love for a club member who will be sorely missed.

While we love seeing the enthusiasm from members wanting to create new events, please remember that the Social Committee has scheduled events that are already on the 2023 calendar and any other event should be considered a private or personal event. Additionally, please remember to clean up the kitchen after events and race nights.

Please mark your calendars. The SMSA Luau will be held at Safe Harbor Zahnisers on June 10th starting at 4 PM. There will be a live band, plenty of food and drink, and the pool will be open for SMSA members. This is a potluck event, so please bring a side dish or dessert. Wine, beer, and Rum Punch, along with hamburgers, hot dogs, and grilled chicken will be provided for SMSA members.



## CRUISERS CORNER



**John Blaney**  
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### Where the Wind Didn't Blow Cruise #1

#### *John Blaney – Cruise Leader*

Compared to the opening cruise weekend the forecast was for little wind but with a shift in direction overnight. We had already changed the venue to revisit Rollins Cove since it was a new spot for *Thisilldous* (John & Joan Blaney) We had heard from quite a few that they wouldn't be making it but we also heard from *Rakali* (Mark & Robin Witte) that they would. *No Sched..* (Jerry & Donna Taylor) had said they might make it and *Godspeed* (Randy & Warna Gillies) had indicated a late arrival with no overnight stay. *Kalypso* remained grounded, *Sinbad* had family in town for an event, *Sabrina* had engine problems and *Serenity* was partying elsewhere. Thanks to all who dropped me an attendance email.



On the way out of Solomons, *Rakali* followed us and at one stage I thought they would blow by us. We could only unfurl the Genoa since we had run into a baulky main halyard the day before. *Rakali* exercised their crew trying out a furling spinnaker, learning what worked and what didn't.



*Thisilldous* motor sailed and got to Rollins Cove in time for the advertised 15:00 hook drop. I knew Rollins was sheltered but it surprised me by its small size. Being the hook boat for the *No Sched..*, *Thisilldous*, *Rakali* (8.2ft draught), and *Godspeed* raft, I was caught between enough rode to be safe and short enough so we didn't end up on someone's dock if the wind shifted which was forecast or we dragged. The committee decided to shorten and relocate the raft. We started all 3 motors (*Godspeed* was still enroute) and Jerry and Mark were

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handling directional control and hook placement when I found out my windlass wasn't functional, meaning I had to manhandle retrieval of the hook. I can vouch that the bottom is mud. The value of a working wash down pump became apparent to *Rakali*. *Godspeed* arrived shortly after and rafted up outboard of *Rakali*.

With the raft formed we could start on happy hour. Our next issue was getting the Buffalo Chicken dip warmed up. We discovered the propane shutoff solenoid was shorting out our electrics so *Rakali* volunteered to warm it up. Meanwhile we got the drinks going. The conversations were wide ranging with everyone learning more about their fellow cruisers. The evening was warm, and calm so that helped.

The raft represented contrasting boat styles and the different design ethos used. We went from ultra modern sleek Scandinavian design through more traditional narrower cockpits with sugar scoops to a tradition tall center cockpit. That's a conversation starter every time with suitable war stories and note comparing on how stuff got sorted. As usual the party moved boats and tours were conducted.



After the drinks and hors d'oeuvres whether you still needed dinner at 9pm was your choice. Most choose not to but a glorious sunset was had and the sky cleared to a quite cool Milky Way.



Even though we had a flat calm night, it's still a new first time this year sleeping environment resulting in interrupted sleep at best. Most were awake early and got the caffeine going, tea in our case. Then the conversation restarted and didn't end until we decided about 1pm we've had enough of one another and it's time to get back to Solomon's. I jumpered my windlass relay and thankfully didn't have to manually pull up the muddy chain. The advantage for the non hook boats in a raft is they just drop lines and don't have to get a muddy hook on board. Lucky them and again

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glad off my wash down pump.

Given the southerly wind, I'm guessing most motored back. We had a few housekeeping chores but my admiral got us docked at Solomon's Landing. We then had to go back to Washburns for them to finish up working on *Thisilldous*. Docking there proved to much more of a challenge due to the wind direction, a high dock and no cleats.

We had a great time thanks to all who cruised and even those who didn't. We have several cruises in the month of June and early July. Our next cruise is Oxford/Cambridge, followed two weeks later with the Summer Solstice Cruise with Herrington Harbor South the week after. Remember to make reservations for Herrington South.

As always.....

THINK CRUISING!!!



## Magothy River Cruise

***Elliott and Alexa Peterson – Cruise Leaders***

The Magothy River Cruise (19-22 May) was very enjoyable thanks to the favorable winds, great company, and the perfect May temperatures.

Participants included Fred on *Kalypso*, Martha and Karl on *Serenity* and Alexa and Elliott aboard *STINGRAY*. The first days sail to the Rhode river was completed with winds in the 15-20 kt range, and a nice happy hour was hosted by Alexa and Elliott on *STINGRAY*, where we observed geese, osprey and turtles.

Day two started in thick fog so most of us waited for the fog to burn off a little before starting the trip North to Sillery Bay, on the Magothy. We experienced light winds from the north and calm waters so crossing under the Mid Bay Bridge was rather easy. We saw more



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large tankers anchored south of the bridge than most of us ever recall as we navigated our course between them. *STINGRAY* hosted another fun happy hour, and everyone was impressed by the Tempura Shrimp that Fred on *Kalypso* brought to share. The Magothy is still a fine river, but a cruise up the river revealed how much residential growth has occurred along her banks since the early 1980's when I last sailed there.



Day three was a nice sail back South under the Bay bridge, around Thomas Point and up the west river where we all found safe anchorage. Once we were all anchored, Fred provided water taxi service ashore to Pirates Cove restaurant where Donna (ex *Lickity Split*) met us for a fine dinner.



Day four for the trip home started with moderate winds from the N/NE, so sailing was good on a nearly empty Bay for most of the trip home to Solomons. Martha and Karl on *Serenity* reported seeing a pod of dolphins on the West river, and the *STINGRAY* first mate Alexa observed many ospreys having a very good fishing day. We were all delighted to see The Pride of Baltimore sailing north as we headed home.

*STINGRAY* hopes to lead this trip again next year and we hope a few more boats can join us for another perfect May cruise.

Cheers,

*STINGRAY*





## KEELBOAT RACING



**Erick Burger**

*Keelboat Race Chair*

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Welcome to summer sailing in Maryland. Summer Series A is complete, as are the Double Handed and Frost-Goode Races. Thank you very much for all the RC teams that have run races so far this season. The racing has been good.

**Marks & Course(s):** During the Wednesday night A-4 race on May 3, it was discovered that Mark K was no longer in its designated spot. Some quick thinking by the lead boats informed RC, and the decision was made to use a moored Tugboat and Barge as the turning mark. The fleet was notified over radio, and racing continued for the evening. Mark K was later found washed up along the beach, and Mardy Millen ran -out to pick it up. Its condition was assessed, and plans were put in place to redeploy on May 12. We had Philip Sibley and his diving friends find the old line and concrete anchor, and rerunning the lines with new Nylon ropes.



Special Thanks to Mardy, Philip (and his diving friends) as well as Joe Frost and Jim Keen for running the RC boat.



A special mark anchor has been created with some of the ashes of our departed sailing friend Brian Steuart. This anchor will be used for holding a mark in position at the next available opportunity when another anchor is needed (or next year).

I am working with the Board of Directors to investigate the feasibility of mark tracking in the event any of the marks break loose and drift. It is hoped this can reduce the turn-around time of finding and redeploying marks.

**RC:** Finally, there is only one (1) more slot available for RC sign-up. The opening is in late summer during the Wednesday Series C-6 on Sept 6. Thank you all for signing up and doing your parts.

We have removed the "hippity-hop" marks from the RC boat. It is desired and encouraged that RC use the larger inflatable marks when setting up X and courses in the river. We are go-



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ing to work with the RC Boat Captain to get additional 12 volt outlets installed in the back of RC to assist with inflation.

**J/70 Fleet?:** There are now ~five J/70's within our club. I have been asked and I will work with scoring to determine the possibility of having a J/70 start and or independent fleet scoring once all five begin showing up. More to come.

**Racing Rules:** Our Judge has reviewed the rules and we would like to clarify – The Non-spinnaker class can use a pole to hold the Jib to the windward or leeward side, but the pole must be attached to the mast (RSS 55.2). Alternatively, a person may hold the sheet out to windward or leeward, but their torso must remain inboard the life-lines (unless briefly to perform necessary tasks), and the sheet must be in hand. A person MAY NOT use a boat hook or other equipment to hold the sheet outboard. Events in June can be found on the front cover page of this CLEW.







## Only 44 Days Until Screwpile Harbor Start!



Mount Gay Red Hats have arrived, Liquor License is in hand, Race Committee shirts and hats have been ordered, and on- the-water and shoreside volunteer positions have been determined, sponsors and vendors have been committed, and Screwpile Notice of Race has been published... Now, we are just waiting for more boats to register. As of the CLEW publish date, 24 boats have registered... 18 SMSA boats and 8 from other locations.

We currently have 10 SMSA boats that are actively racing that have not yet registered. We have another 4 Cruising boats that have raced the previous couple years in Screwpile's CRCA Class that are yet to register. As we get into the heart of the Chesapeake Bay racing season and get past Southern Bay Race Week just after Memorial Day weekend, we are hopeful that we will have a rush of Screwpile registrations thereafter. After all, who would want to miss the great racing and awesome parties that Screwpile has to offer?

More good news! With the recent addition of three new J-70's to SMSA's fleet, we now have enough for a one-design start at Screwpile. Larry Ray (J-RAY) has been promoting J-70's at Screwpile for years. This year his efforts will come to fruition... FIVE J-70's in a one-design start! Larry is also working hard to attract J-70's from the very large Annapolis Fleet. He has arranged for FREE slips for the first J-70's that register from out of town. He also made arrangements for launching/loading trailered boats with a very significant discount at Safe Harbor Zahniser's for those boats with trailers that cannot use the public boat ramp under the bridge. Kudos to Larry!



So, reminder for all SMSA racers and cruiser/racers... please register now at the Yacht Scoring website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=15617>. It's time to finish populating the Screwpile scratch sheet. Just forty-four days until the first gun.

... Jim Keen, Chairman Screwpile 2023



# ***SMSA & PHRF of the Chesapeake***

**teaming up for the**

**2023 PHRF Mid-Bay Championships at SCREWPILE**

**Friday-Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Combining 30 years of Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge regatta tradition with PHRF of the Chesapeake, the largest handicap racing fleet on the Chesapeake Bay. Registration is OPEN & available online. For registration, NOR and more information click below:

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**



Whether you are going to race in the PHRF Mid-Bay Championships, ORC, CRCA or One-Design, there's something for everyone...

Three days of competitive racing on two courses... warm breezes, awards parties under the big tent at Zahniser's with music, Mount Gay Rum Punch, cold draft beer, daily awards.

**Good times! You're going to want to be there!**

**Free Slips and Housing for SMSA Members!** 😊



## SMALLBOAT RACING



**Steve Birchfield**

*Smallboat Race Chair*

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Smallboat racing is going great with participation growing each week. We are seeing 10 plus boats on the line Thursday evenings which is awesome! The "after-race" club participation has started to pick up as well, with more of us hanging around the club for race results! I'm planning to have the SMSA bar open after we all return to the dock and I'm working on trying to have a food option available for purchase like we do on Wednesday evenings after keel boat racing. Please be patient with me as I get all the details hammered out. I'm open to ideas on this, so let me know what you got! For now, it may be frozen pizza or another easy prepared / cooked food item that can be ready for us when we are back at the club.

Upcoming events in June include the Smallboat Invitational on June 10th, which will be followed up by the LUAU that afternoon! What's better than that?!?! The following Sunday June 11th is the Annual Broken Rudder Distance race. Maybe this year Tommy Birchfield won't actually break his rudder...maybe it will be me this time!

I hope to see you out there for these fun events and of course on our regular scheduled Thursday night races!





# 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:



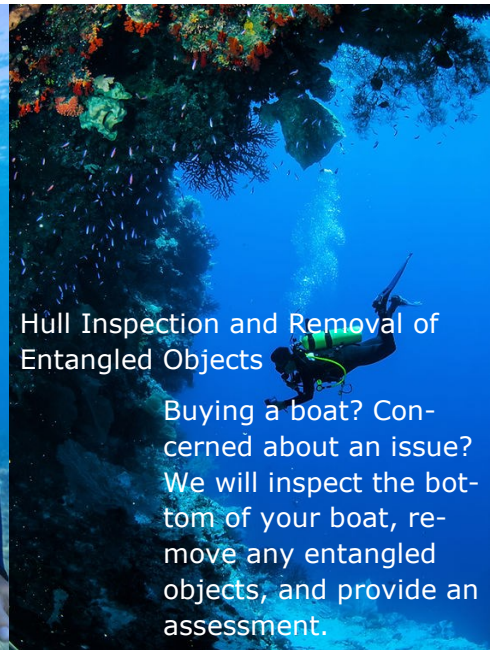
## Hull & Bottom Cleaning Plans

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

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





# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



**Andy Wilson**

*High School Program Chair*

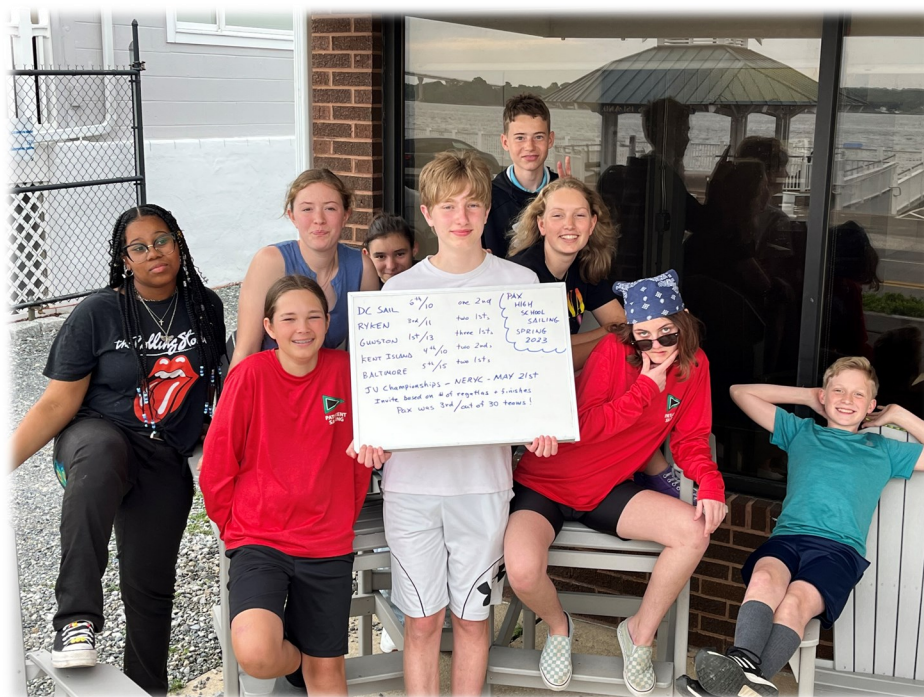
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Ahoy all High School Sailing fans! We had a nice wrap up to our season sending 4 of our youth up to North East River Yacht Club (NERYC) to compete against 15 other teams. Heavy winds made for a busy day!

Pictures are from NERYC, and also the latest season regatta up at the Baltimore Sailing Center Chesapeake. Great team efforts all around and great Corinthian sportsmanship demonstrated by our Team throughout the season..

We bid bon voyage to Grace Wilson, as a graduating senior! Grace joined the team in 2017 (see a few 2017 pictures of her and Caroline Wilson in early practices and regattas, and with another graduated sailor, Derrick Fahnstock, from 2019) She has matured in her sailing abilities, moving over to keelboat racing on Wednesday nights and coaching at Summer Camp for a few years. Thanks to coaches (Jimmy / John) and other adults (Randy, Steve, Troy) who have overseen the program the last few years!

See you on the water at summer camp and next season!





Fair Winds and Following Seas to graduating senior, Grace Wilson!



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**PRICE REDUCED:** 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 \$21,000 OBO Contact John at



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 or OBO  
Boat #2 Hull shows the age, but no structural issues. Newer rig and sail in great shape. ~2008 \$1800 or OBO  
Willing to sell both for \$3500 or OBO  
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.

1993 Hawkeye Yacht Club boat trailer. 14 ft, 950 In GVWR, \$250. No title, bill of sale only. Has Maine tag good through Feb 2025.



Also, used original Buccaneer main sail and roller furling head sail. #5102. \$75 for

1990 Tartan Thomas 35 for sale. \$15,000 OBO.  
Performance cruiser/racer. Equipped for racing and cruising.  
PHRF 72. Must sell. Call Jim Young @ 301-904-8305.  
Additional photos: <https://www.photobootgallery.net/p691839496>



## CLASSIFIED ADS

### **1988 SABRE 38 Mk II FOR SALE \$120,000**

Brokerage: Crusader Yachts, (703) 593-7531 Rod Rowan

Full listing soon to be on [www.yachtworld.com](http://www.yachtworld.com)

SABRENA is a stunning example of the popular Sabre 38 MKII racer/cruiser. Sailed summers on the Chesapeake Bay and prior to 2014, on the Great Lakes (fresh water), SABRENA is equipped for sailing near shore (4' 3" draft centerboard up) ) with a performance pedigree that challenges deep-keel boats (6.5 ft draft centerboard down). Currently equipped for cruising:

- Air Conditioning
- New propose oven/stove (Force 10)
- Full Raymarine electronics (Lighthouse 3 - Axiom), AIS T/R
- New polycarbonate Lewmar hatches
- Dutchman Main Sail System
- New Adler Barbour refrigeration with optional water-cooled system
- New Bimini and Dodger
- New Aqua Drive
- Easy Max feather prop
- Gennaker
- Smart TV / DVD player
- Bose Speakers
- 110 gallon water tank (2) / 45 gallon Fuel tank
- Westerbeke W33A Diesel, 2,160 total hrs



### **Free Cabin Mattresses**

The Zonderman's are downsizing and have sold their boat Walkabout, a Catalina 40. One leftover are a pair of upholstered aft cabin mattresses which were seldom used.

Dimensions are approximately 71" long x 48" wide x 6" thick. Since they are foam and a cover they're easy to modify to fit your boat or use. Most Importantly they are free to a new owner.

Pickup can be arranged from Solomons Landing by calling their home number 410-326-1561. Leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible or by emailing Lois Zonderman (lzonderman@gmail.com).



### **Hunter 31 for Sale**

Sea's The Day, 1986 Hunter 31, 5 ft draft, 11 ft beam. Yanmar inboard diesel, 16 hp. Annual maintenance done by Zahnisers to include annual hauls, cleaning, bottom painting and engine servicing. Records are available for review. This boat is ready to sail. Sleeps six, basic kitchen and bench table. Asking \$15,000. Contact Bill at (301) 481-3132 or billreuter54@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!

