



The Clew

Board of Directors

Mon. Aug. 14: Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

Keelboat

Wed. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday Night C-Series

Sat. Aug. 12: Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise

Smallboat Racing

Thurs. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Weekly Racing

Sat. Aug. 19: Rum Runner's Distance Race, see pg. 21 for more info

Cruise

Fri.—Wed. Aug. 4—9: Annapolis Garden Theater Cruise

Sat.—Sun. Aug. 12—13: Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise

Thu.—Tue. Aug. 17—22: Potomac River Cruise

Wed.—Tue. Aug. 30—Sept. 5: Urbanna Cruise

Scott Kirby Concert

Sun. Aug. 20 @ 3pm

For more info, see pg. 12

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm

MEMBERS CORNER

Newsletter Advertising Fees

Effective October 1, 2023 a fee structure will be implemented for placing ads in the newsletter as follows:

SMSA Members:

- Personal items (ex. Selling sailboat or sailing accessories) – FREE. Provide a short description to be placed in classified ad table.
- Business (ex. Dive Services, etc.) – \$10 per month. Minimum of ¼ page. The Clew Editor has the discretion to increase the ad size based on available white space in the Clew which cannot cause exceedance of 24 pages (12 pieces of paper, double sided)

Non-Members:

- Personal items (ex. Selling sailboat or sailing accessories) – \$10.00 per month
- Business ads are not currently being offered

Note: Ads are due to the Clew Editor (clew@smsa.com) no later than the 20th of the month and if applicable payment must also be received. Methods of payment are currently in-work, details to follow.



The Calvert Marine Museum has an opening for an unpaid crew member on *Witchcraft II* our BB Crowninshield 65' yacht.

The vessel is available for charters, Tues, Wed. and Thurs of every week to start, with cruising times between 2 hrs and 8 hrs. The vessel is one of a kind gorgeous! Here's a link the website created by her former owners: <https://www.theyachtwitchcraft.com/>

This is an unparalleled opportunity for someone to learn the sailing qualities of a wooden yacht from the Gilded Age. Anyone interested should contact Mark Wilkins at 508-648-2950. Person should be agile, familiar with basic seamanship, able to tie a clove hitch, bowline, sheet bend, and tug-boat hitch. Must be able to swim!





Dragon Boat Festival: The Dragon Boat Committee has once again reached out to SMSA to provide support in the form of safety boats for their practices. They will need two boats the evenings of Aug 14-17 from 5:30-8:30. If you can help out, by either taking one of the SMSA skiffs or your own powerboat, please let David Meiser know by sending him an email to meiser@comcast.net with your name, the day(s) that you can assist, and if you will be using your personal boat or one of the SMSA skiffs. Thanks for helping out with this great event. (<https://somedcr.org/dragonboat/>)



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.

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)



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser
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As a sailor on the Chesapeake Bay, one of the most common questions that you get asked is "are you doing (or did you do) the Governor's Cup?" Most people really don't even know what the Governor's Cup is, but they do know that it has been happening for a long time, and there is a big party in St. Mary's City. The race course, as originally established, starts Friday evening in Annapolis, the current state capital and ends sometime Saturday in St. Mary's City, the original state capital (70 NM). In recent years, three additional starting points in Solomons, Fishing Bay, and Dahlgren have been added to boost participation. The race was the brain child of three St. Mary's College students, with the first race consisting of 47 boats in 1974. The race

peaked in 1986 with 487 boats. In 1987, qualifications, to demonstrate adequate experience of each entry, were imposed to ensure the continued safety of the race.

My history with the Governor's Cup started in 1981 when I sailed with SMSA club member Charlie McCormick on his Irwin Citation 30, Unicorn. After that, I was hooked. I have lost track of the number of times that I have done the race, but have experienced it on everything from a Ranger 23, Snuzuluz, rating 234, to a Briand 50, Tigress, rating 0.

For those that have done the race, they know that it is about more than just the race. It starts with the delivery to Annapolis. In my younger years, it involved leaving after work on Thursday, sailing up the Bay with friends, tying up at City Dock in Annapolis, and walking up to Chick and Ruth's for a middle-of-the-night snack. The rest of the crew would get dropped off on Friday afternoon and we would head out for the start. The race is always different, sometimes it's an up-wind slog and other times it's a great spinnaker ride down the Bay, it's never the same twice.

Once you arrived in St. Mary's City, you would raft up, either with boats that were anchored out, or on one of the 30+ boat rafts, off the dock. The morning started with bloody mary's served out of the window of the boathouse, David and Mary Flood playing acoustical music under the tent, and breakfast at the Parish Hall at Trinity Church. After noon, the Awareness Arts Ensemble reggae

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band came on stage and everyone either danced or slept on the grass hill. At five o'clock, the cannon was fired, signaling the start of the cocktail party on the State House lawn. Those over 21 years of age, who actually sailed, were given a highly-coveted wristband, and were admitted for a one-hour cocktail party where drink stations were set up on impromptu "bars" made on sawhorses; each type of drink was served at a different station. After the cocktail party, it was back to the tent for awards and dancing to the Jack Diamond & Friends Band until late into the evening when everyone retreated back to their boat.

The final leg of the Governor's Cup was the delivery back home. Sunday evening, you were exhausted, but filled with great memories from the previous three days.

This Friday night will be the 50th running of the Governor's Cup race. Although there will be far fewer than the 487 boats that once raced, it will be great time for those that choose to participate. It seems that this year, St. Mary's College has gone all out with entertainment, food trucks and a well organized race to bring back some of the good old times. Hopefully, even if you don't race, you can stop by to partake in the fun.

See you on the water - David





New Facilities Purchase Fund Committee Begins Work

Did you know that SMSA has not always had a place to meet? We used to rotate meetings between members houses! That was before we had 200 members!

Did you know that SMSA rents our current location? Did you know that our SMSA future is in a vulnerable position because the current SMSA lease could be terminated at some point if the owner decides to sell or develop the property?

Did you know that SMSA Board Members have searched for many years to find a suitable permanent location for SMSA to carry out its wonderful and varied Sailing and Social activities?

Did you know that our SMSA Board is working to help SMSA be financially prepared to purchase our current site, or an alternative site should one become available?

Since the beginning of the year an ad hoc group consisting of the SMSA Directors and BOD Secretary, now formally recognized by the BOD as the Facilities Purchase Fund Committee, has been working to help SMSA prepare to purchase a permanent facility for SMSA. The general strategy is for SMSA to continue renting while we build a significant nest egg which can then be used for a substantial down payment when/if the opportunity for purchase presents itself.

The four purposes of the Facilities Purchase Fund Committee as approved by the SMSA Board of Directors are: 1) Establishment of a Facilities Purchase Fund with "reserved account" status; 2) advocacy for the Fund; 3) leadership in fundraising efforts; and 4) researching and recommending Fund investments strategies.

The Facilities Purchase Fund Committee is interested in your ideas for ways to make the Facilities Fund a success and thus secure SMSA's future in Southern Maryland.

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Facilities Purchase Fund Committee, please feel free to contact any of the committee members: Doug Hays, Carl Kemp, Shawn Stanley, Elliott Peterson, Joe Frost, Lowell Martin, or Jim Keen.

JUNIOR



Harry & Kati Keith
Junior Chairs
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Wrapping up a Great 2023 SUMMER SAILING CAMP Season!

SMSA holds its last week of summer camp this year from August 7 - 11. There are still spots available!

We have classes for 2 levels: Ages 8 – 12 in the Opti's and ages 12 – 16 in the 420's. Tuition is \$325 per weekly session. Registration is open for both SMSA members and the public. You can go to the SMSA Website (<https://www.smsa.com/Jr/Classes.php>) to register.

Thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers for a successful summer camp season. Thanks especially to our phenomenal Camp Director, Ana Donnelly. If you see her at Happy Hour, let her know how much we appreciate her!

We will start the planning for next summer in early fall, so stay tuned and get the word out on our super sailing camp program.

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





Another Successful Screwpile in the Books!



Two weeks ago, at 0900 on July 14th, Steven Birchfield, aboard his Pearson 31 *Barba Roja* in the middle of Back Creek, fired the club's 10-gauge cannon to signal the Harbor Start for Screwpile 2023. SMSA's 31st running of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta started with a bang and ended three days later after two days of great racing and three nights of parties. The thunderstorm-caused abandonment of racing on Sunday, although very disappointing, did not detract from the overall feeling of success and joy of another great Screwpile regatta.

The boats pictured here, *Super Sport SS 396* and *JRay*, are two of the six J-70s that formed the J-70 One-Design Class. Thanks to Larry Ray's great efforts, it was the first time we have had a J-70 OD start at Screwpile since 2016. In fact, due in part to Larry's encouragement of club members, we have a ready-made one-design class here at home with five J-70s in the club... Terry Reese's *Super Sport SS 396*, Tom Moulds' *MicroBurst*, Spencer Wait's *WooHoo!*, Holly Graf's *Spice*, and Larry's *JRay*.



Thank you to all club members who supported this year's Screwpile by racing your boats. And, congratulations and well done to all SMSA crews that earned a spot on the podium! Trophy winners included the following: Jim Whited, *Bad Cat*; Norm Dawley, *Pursuit*; Steven Birchfield, *Barba Roja* in CRCA Spinnaker. Tom Moulds, *MicroBurst* (with 12-year old Xander driving); Larry Ray, *JRay* in J-70 OD. David & Jacki Meiser, *One Trick Pony*; Caldwell-McKinney, *Wild Horses* in PHRF 1. Mark Gyorgy, *Wicked Good*; Russell Miller, *Diablo* in PHRF 3. You all made for some very competitive and fun racing!

This year we were asked to host the PHRF Mid-Bay Championships at Screwpile. Besides the PHRF 1 and PHRF 3 Class trophy winners in their respective PHRF A and PHRF B Classes, Stephen Birchfield (*Barba Roja*) took PHRF C Class 1st place, and Elliot Peterson (*Stingray*) and George Calisti (*Windward*) were 1st and 3rd respectively in PHRF Non-Spinnaker. Congratulations to all PHRF Mid-Bay Championship podium finishers!



Screwpile is an SMSA team effort. We had 65 volunteers involved in a multitude of on-the-water and shoreside tasks...

I want to thank all the many on-the-water volunteers

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who worked the two circles on race committee boats... Cyndi Tatar, Kati Keith, Harry Keith, Ana Donnelly, Colin Donnelly, Jim Donnelly, Mary Szczyglowski, Terry Walters, Rob Herbig, John Blaney, Dave Pedersen, Joe Frost, Polly Traynham, Richard Hackett, Randy Gross, Keith Jacobs, Marlene Plumley, Eric Andreas, Terry Farman, Jeff Moore, Keith Mayes, Martin Howell, Tim Flaherty, Andy Wilson, Clara Wilson, Grace Wilson, Austin Fagan, Bob VanDeGejuchte, Stephanie Wakelin, Angie Baylis, Eric Burger, John Herbig, Rhonda La Fleur, Bruce Grant, Carl Kemp, and Sean Richardson. Thank you to John Herbig who managed the CRCA Cruiser fleet and did a great job as PRO on their course. Thank you to Dan Trammell as Head Judge, and Guy Barbato and Nelson Pemberton who served with him on the Protest Committee.

Thank you to Don Behrens who served, once again, as our Chief Principal Race Officer for Screwpile. Don did his usual magic out on the water... reading the wind, setting the courses, managing the mark boats, and squeezing 5 races out of 2 days of variable wind conditions. What most individuals don't see is the tremendous amount of work that he does behind the scenes in preparation for the regatta... developing and publishing the Sailing Instructions, and organizing the equipment lists and Race Officer books for each of the race committee boats. Thank you to Jody Keen for recruiting and managing race committee volunteers.



The awards parties were awesome! With three nights of music, there was tremendous energy in the tent. Cold draft beer (7 kegs) and plenty of Mount Gay Rum drinks (8 cases) made for a lot of happy racers. I want to thank Jody Keen for her leadership and coordination of the party crew and 3 nights of fun under the tent, as well as all the preparation that led up to the parties. In order to provide an idea of the scope of work that Jody's team performed, with her involved in every aspect, here

is a detailed account of that...

Stuffing Skippers' Bags and Volunteers' bags:

- Alexa Peterson, Joan Blaney, Asha Andreas, Robin Witte

Screwpile Registration at Zanhisers:

- Terry Farman, Asha Andreas

Party at the Zahniser's tent:

- Banner set up – Grace Wilson, Clara Wilson, Andy Wilson, Colin Donnelly, Adam Nilsson
- Ticket sales, ID Check, and wristbands – Donna Taylor, Karen Eggert, Judy Pedersen, Asha Andreas
- Bartenders- Priscilla Bradley, Hannah Bulynko, Melinda Spring, Lisa Flaherty, Martha Kemp
- Beer truck- Jim House, Donna House
- Hot Dog Cart – Dave Lundwall
- Runners- Sean Richardson, Karron Myrick
- Robin Witte-help with awards
- XO tasting-Jody Keen
- MC – Tim Flaherty

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Race equipment prep, distribution, clean-up and storage - Cyndi Tatar, Jody Keen, Joe Frost

Thank you to Shawn Stanley for his yeoman's work in managing the intricacies of trophy procurement.

Lastly, I want to thank the members of our Screwpile Planning team. We have been working diligently since the last Screwpile to bring you a 2023 Screwpile that is reminiscent of "old days". Thank you to Don Behrens, Shawn Stanley, David Meiser, Cyndi Tatar, Jody Keen, and Joe Frost, all of whom each played an integral part in the success of this year's Screwpile.

2023 Screwpile was a great regatta! Thank you to all! Let's do it again!



Screwpile photos included with permission from Wilbur Keyworth. To see and purchase these and other awesome photos from the regatta, check out his website, willkeyworth.smugmug.com



THE SOCIAL SCENE

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This year, our annual 4th of July potluck was a dazzling success and very well-attended. The Solomons Business Association wowed with a spectacular display of fireworks and many members took advantage of our prime location to celebrate the occasion and enjoy the fireworks. Special thanks to Ali Banholzer and Chris Bates for their assistance in procuring the supplies for the hamburgers and brats, along with painstakingly making each hamburger patty by hand. Please remember to thank Sam McGuire and Jay Ball (along with their crew of helpers) for spending the day grilling the delicious foods for the event. We'd also like to thank everyone who contributed to the potluck. All of the dishes were wonderful and your generous participation in these events is very much appreciated. We couldn't pull these parties off without our group of dedicated volunteers and the enthusiastic membership contributions.

A huge thank you goes to Jim Keen and the Screwpile Committee for creating an amazing event for members to compete, celebrate, and socialize. We'd like to thank the many Social Committee volunteers involved in making Screwpile such a fun and vibrant event.

Looking forward into August, the Scott Kirby Concert will be held on Sunday, August 20th, with doors opening at 3pm. Get your tickets early on the SMSA website to support the SMSA programs and enjoy some live music with your SMSA family. (see page 12 for more information)

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Annapolis to Solomons Race on Saturday, September 23rd. SMSA will be hosting an awards after-party following the race. More details to follow.



July 4th Potluck at the clubhouse



4th of July Boat Parade—some of the SMSA Boats who participated



Singer-Songwriter **Scott Kirby** returns to Solomons on Sunday, August 20. Doors open at 3pm, concert starts at 4pm. Scott will be joined by Emily Randle and with this duo, it's a show you won't want to miss.

Tickets are \$18 for members, and \$25 for guests available at <http://SMSA.com> (scroll to-wards the bottom of the page).

Kirby's music can be described as a mix of James Taylor and Stephen Stills with a dash of Jimmy Buffett thrown in. The Kittery, Maine, resident spends part of the year in Key West where he once lived and co-owned The Smokin' Tuna Saloon. His music is tinted with songs about the coastline from Acadia to Florida.

(<https://www.scottkirby.com/scott-kirby-biography>)

Money raised by this annual show directly supports SMSA programs where we can buy us a couple of new suits of sails for the 420's or even a new kayak. Come on out and bring some friends and enjoy the great acoustics and atmosphere we have at SMSA.



CRUISERS CORNER



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Little did you know when you were less than a year old you started cruising. As a baby when you pulled your self up to standing and waddled about the room randomly, holding onto something, you were cruising.

Then later in life you decided to sail to and fro in an area without a precise destination especially for pleasure then you were kruisen which is dutch for "to cross, sail to and fro", itself derived from crux the Latin for cross.

Of course it has also evolved to mean getting on a giant floating hotel/playground/amusement park with many bars and restaurants and spending 5 days being moved from exotic location to exotic location.



We're the sailing version and at SMSA our cruising is primarily summertime daylight trips to an anchorage or marina somewhere on the Chesapeake Bay. It's a bit like in the BVI's where its island hopping to pick up a mooring buoy by 4pm where upon happy hour starts, dinner follows and company is enjoyed.



The US coastline offers lots of places to do this but if you want to go further afield you need to learn to sail at night.

Safety is paramount since you cant see the approaching weather or the land as you can during the day. Generally even racing at night if there a risk of stronger wind you shorten sail in advance, everyone has the PFD and safety harness on, and clipped onto the jacklines even in the cockpit. You're on a watch system to spread the workload among the crew. Lighting is reduced to low levels of red or blue. Care needs to be exercised when using flashlights and headlights so as not to blind each other. Its takes quite some time to develop your night vision and a second to ruin it.



However the Coast Guard put lights on their navigation marks to help you

but you now have the learn how to read then to determine where you are. You practice a version of dead reckoning by continually monitoring progress so you know where you came from which tells you what to expect next. Coming up on deck for your next watch means you get your update from the prior watch or you have to spend some time figuring it out for yourself by looking around and identifying lights, colors, frequencies, distances, and relating them to the coded information on your charts. Don't rely wholly on the Chartplotter to tell you where you are. Literally get your bearings.



Likewise our sailboats need navigation lights for nighttime by which you tell others the direction you're moving in.



One other skill you need learn is to interpret the lights on other boats to determine whether they represent a collision or not. Yes you have AIS and radar to assist you not only in lower visibility which also occurs at night but again don't rely solely on these.

One neat part of night sailing is a cloudless moonlit night where the milky way is on display and theres an ethereal component to the views and ambiance. Its lit-

tle you in the elements of the universe.

Of course there's the longer passages where there's less randomness in the voyage plan and more days and nights involved getting there. Food, water, fuel and your endurance become more important to manage. The night parts of the journey now don't involve lights as there none around. It's you, the moon, and stars and if you see light its exciting to figure out what it is and does it represent a threat of some sort.

A nighttime arrival at your destination is exciting because it gradually appears by way of lighthouse lumes where the lights periodic sweep is seen on the underside of the clouds well before you can directly see the light itself. Then, the lights of civilization appear on the horizon, and eventually navigation marks to tell you "you got there", proving you have some navigation skills.



Nighttime cruising has its own set of challenges and benefits. Its just another set of skills to be learned and you've learned the hardest ones already sailing and navigation. Just do it in the dark.



4th of July Picnic Cruise

By Carl and Martha Kemp

On Friday, July 1, **Stingray** (Elliott and Alexa Peterson), **Constellation** (Todd, Jennifer and Wookie Porter), **Serenity** (Carl and Martha Kemp), **Thisilldous** (John and Joan Blaney), **No Sched** (Jerry, with first mate Carolyn Chandler), **Circe** (Harry and Kati Keith), **China Doll** (Karen Lungren with Randy and Warna Gillies), and **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith) set out for St. Mary's River. **Kalypso** (Fred Siesseger) had arrived in St. Mary's day before. Winds were moderate and out of the south, so some sailed and tacked their way south on both sides of the bay, while others motored. Winds increased as boats approached the Potomac River and with the turn west, boats sailed on a broad reach to the anchorage at Horseshoe Bend.

After boat cleanup and time to relax, sailors took their dinghies ashore for the Independence Day concert by the Chesapeake Orchestra and fireworks at St. Mary's College. The program was a broad mix of patriotic, popular and classical music. Multiple food trucks provided dinning opportunities.



Saturday morning Wookie and Jennifer led ambitious walkers on a 5+ mile hike along the Historic St Mary's City Nature Trail. Boat Captains consumed coffee, walked around St. Mary's or worked on-board. Commodore Dave Meiser -- anchored nearby -- cruised through the anchorage in his dinghy stopping by several boats.

In spite of strong winds, the cruisers decided to haul anchors and move to Price Cove near the mouth of St. Mary's River for the annual picnic on the beach. In mid-afternoon, dinghies were loaded with grills, chairs, food and drinks for the trip to the picnic beach. The picnic lasted for hours, ended only by a late day storm. A good time was had by all, including Wookie!

Late morning on Day 3, with calm winds and lots of sun, the cruiser's left St. Mary's River. Some sailed for a few hours, others motored out into the Potomac River and then headed to Smith Creek, the last destination for the

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cruise. Jennifer and Todd hosted Happy Hour on Constellation, and we all toasted their new boat. Then, with a dingy ride to Courtney's for dinner, we were joined by Robin and Mark Witte, Haley and Phil Sibley, and Donna Maneely, who all arrived by land yacht.

On Day 4 boats headed back to Solomons. The projected strong winds out of the south didn't materialize, but winds were enough for a good sail and then some motoring.

The 4th of July Picnic Cruise was a great four days on the Bay.



KEELBOAT RACING



Erick Burger

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The second half of the sailing season is upon us. While the winds have begun to lighten up, the racing has still been good. Another amazing Screw-pile weekend is complete and summer C series is just beginning. There are no High Point races this month, but don't miss out on the Mixed Couples Race & Cruise on Aug 12th. Thank you very much for all the RC teams that continue to run races.

Results for all SMSA races series can be found on the internet at the following location: https://www.smsa.com/Race/KBRace_2023.php

RC: All slots are filled for RC. If you need to sign up to complete your eligibility for scoring (see the SI's), please contact me keelboat@smsa.com and I will make arrangements.

Screw Pile Lighthouse Challenge (SPLC): Jim & Jody Keen, Don Behrens (Chief PRO), John Herbig (PRO-Cruiser), & the MANY volunteers pulled off another great weekend of sailing at this year's SPLC. Be sure to check out the article in this edition of the CLEW for more details.

Racing Outside SMSA: There are a couple races that I have been made aware of that are not part of the SMSA racing series calendar, but we are partnering with others who are running races.

- First is the St. Mary's Governor's Cup hosted by the St. Mary's College Sailing Association held on 04-05 Aug. This event has several starts, but one is local here in Solomons. The start is at 1755 on Aug 4th at SMSA "S" (Gazebo) and ends the next day in front of St Mary's College between the Church and the RC Boat. (yes, an overnight race!!!) If you missed the registration (due 28 July), you can still come out and cheer on the SMSA member participating in the Solomon's start or the finishing at St Mary's. information can be found here: <https://nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/481>
- Annapolis to Solomons hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club on September 23, 2023. There will be a post-race event at or around SMSA, so keep your eyes and ears open for updates.

Events in August can be found on the front cover page of this CLEW.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Troy Raines

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We are still working through some of the transition bumps of taking over the High School Program Chair position. I did attend the July board meeting where there was a vote on raising the fees for the school sailing program. I also provided our intended parent meeting date and start date to the board.

The board voted to raise the fees to \$311.00 for members and \$350.00 for non-members (this includes the half year Jr. membership).

The plan is to start our Fall season off with a Parent and Introduction Night on Tuesday August 29 to collect paperwork and go over the positive changes and goals we have for the Fall 2023 season. Our intent is to have a dry land day on Thursday August 31 to review safety, expectations of sportsmanship, and the benefits of setting personal goals. September 1, as always....weather permitting, we will get those boats on the water and officially start our practice season. Times will be determined closer to end of August.

Michelle met with Ana the Sailing Camp Director to let her know that she will be at the clubhouse on Friday afternoons to provide information on the High School program and answer questions. We are hoping we will be able to recruit some of the older campers to join us for more fun on the water this Fall.

We also want to acknowledge two of our returning sailors who competed in the 2023 Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge. Keeping those skills intact. Way to go!!!

The first sailor is Tommy Birchfield, who many know is a seasoned sailor outside of High school sailing including several other Keel boat races. He crewed on his father boat the Barba Roja. They ended the long hot weekend with a 3rd place. This was also his 4th Screwpile.

Our second sailor, Freyja Raines, had a wonderful opportunity and experience sailing in her first keelboat race aboard the Pony Express alongside

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our amazing High School coach Jimmy Yurko. Jimmy's oldest daughter Anabelle was among the crew and we are so looking forward to her joining us in the Fall.

Another returning sailor, Nolan Wingate, when not working on his strength and endurance skills as a member of the Cove Point Crocs swim team, he is volunteering his time at the club Summer Sail Camp and sailing in the summer evening races on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you see any of these ambitious young people around the club please give them a high five!

One last biggie!!!! Please send any High School students who love the outdoors our way....we will do our best to show them sailing is the way!



The crew of Pony Express



The crew of Barba Roja

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:



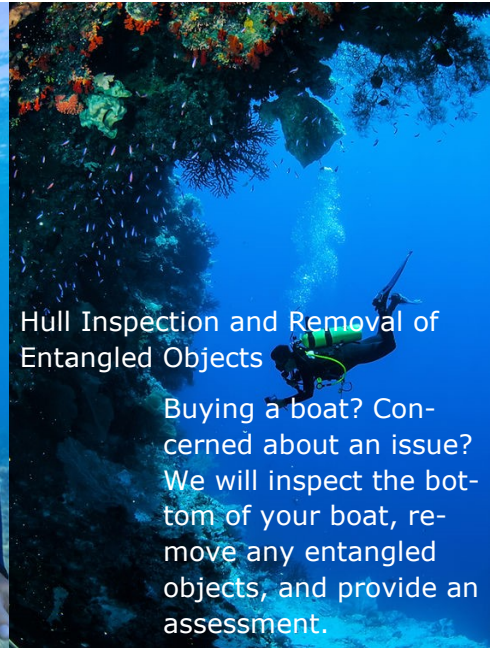
Hull & Bottom Cleaning Plans

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/>



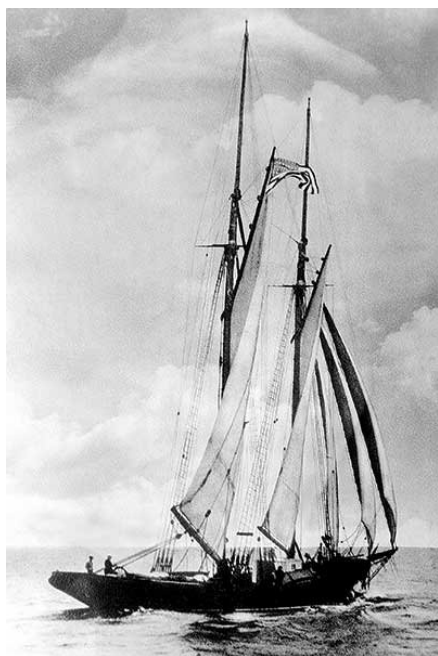
SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve Birchfield

Smallboat Race Chair

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Rum Runner's Regatta

When: Saturday, August 19th

Time: on-site registration from 0800—0900

Skippers Meeting: 0930

Tentative first race warning signal at 1030

This race commemorates Captain Bill McCoy when in 1923 his Schooner called the Arethusa could be found sailing offshore up and down the east coast. She was fast, elegant and defiant; allowing McCoy to sell his cargo outside of US waters and providing bars, speakeasies and Americans alike the

ability to enjoy whiskey, rum, gin and other banned drinks due to Prohibition.

Bill McCoy was known for being the original Rum Runner and delivering "uncut" cargo at fair prices. We get the term "The Real McCoy" (referring to something genuine or real) for these historical events and from McCoys own actions in the day.

One hundred years later we honor Bill and the Arethusa with the Rum Runners Regatta, a 12nm distance race for SMSA Small Boats. After the race, we will have food at the clubhouse and special Rumrunner cocktail and Mocktail for those under age!

This is a fun race with a special prize for the winner.

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 **\$16,000** OBO Contact John at jrville@gmail.com



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



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>



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

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.



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.

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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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