

MEMBERS CORNER

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

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- Personal items (ex. Selling sailboat or sailing accessories) FREE. Provide a short description to be placed in classified ad table.
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- 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.

Adult Learn to Sail - More Dates!

Based on member feedback we are pleased to offer a *NEW* Weekend Shore Session

September 9th, 2023, 9:00am - 12:30pm which will cover both Part A and Part B.

Followed by on the water sessions in the afternoon for those that are available.

Sign up at https://www.smsa.com/ALTS.php



FACILITIES CHAIR: Please welcome Spencer Wait as the new Facilities Chair, replacing John Blaney who has had the position for over 3.5 years. Spencer brings lots of energy to SMSA and you can find him out racing on Wednesday nights on his J-70 *WooHoo!*. If you'd like to help Spencer with projects or maintenance you can contact him at facility@smsa.com.



2024 Election of SMSA Officers and Directors

OFFICER In October, The SMSA Nominating Committee will begin reviewing names for the 2024 Officer and open Director positions.

Officer positions include: Commodore, Vice Commodore,

Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, two Director positions will be voted on.

The Officer positions are one-year terms, while Directors serve three-year terms. To be an eligible candidate for Commodore, the nominee must have previously served at least two years in an Officer position or as a committee chair. There are no prerequisites for the other open positions. All nominees must be SMSA members in good standing.

Nominations must be received and confirmed by the Nomination Committee no later than 5 pm on Oct 15, 2023. Those wishing to provide input should send your nomination package (desired position, a short bio of previous SMSA activity and service, and a recent photo) to the Nomination Committee at election@smsa.com.



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Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser commodore@smsa.com



As we head into the Labor Day Weekend and the end of summer, I think back at all of the amazing opportunities and experiences that we have had at SMSA this year so far. It seems that there are very few days that the Club is idle. All of the social gatherings, especially the Fourth of July, the great crowds that we have had at, and after, all the Wednesday and Thursday Night Races, and the Friday Night Happy Hours. Not to mention, the dozens of kids that got the opportunity to try out sailing or hone their sailing skills at summer camp, and all of the cruising raft ups, dinners, beach parties, and all of the other great things that the cruisers do, some of which I have had recently enjoyed participating.

Note to self: Cruisers go from point A to Point B – not in circles all day like the racers.

The great thing is that just because summer is coming to a close does not mean that the season is! As I look at the upcoming calendar, September and October are jam packed with great cruises. Some of the cruises are far and long, and some are near and short. If you are not sure if cruising is for you or if you just want to dip your toe into the shallow end of the pool, you may want to consider the cruise to Vera's, up St. Leonard's Creek, the first weekend of October. It's not too far, and only one overnight stay.

For the racers there is also plenty to do, for both big boats and small ones too. Labor Day weekend, several big boat racers will be heading down to Fishing Bay Yacht Club for the Annual Stingray Point Regatta. Then later in the month they will be taking their boats up the bay for the Annapolis to Solomons Race on September 23rd. For those who have not done this race, it is a great point to point race that starts just South of Thomas Point Light and ends at Drum Point. This is a good chance to race against boats outside of the club, but be home to sleep in your own bed Saturday night. Pro tip for this race is to deliver the boat to West River, versus Annapolis, as both the on-the-water and on-shore trips are shorter.

Finally, as we come to the end of the summer, it also means that we are closer to our Annual Meeting, elections, and changing of the guard. Please

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take some time to consider what role you may want to take in keeping SMSA the great Club that it is. Your participation could be in the form an elected position, or one of the many chair positions. Keep in mind, many Club members have held offices for years and/or held multiple offices or positions simultaneously. We need a perpetual influx of new volunteers in these leadership position. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other officers.

Looking forward to a great fall.



PATRIOT SAILING FUNDRAISER-SOLOMONS TEAM

Saturday September 2nd, and Sunday September 3rd, 11am - 2pm

Come out and support U.S. Patriot Sailing while enjoying lunch. That's right! U.S. Patriot Sailing crew will be grilling outside of West Marine (14030 H G Trueman Road, Solo-

mons). Lunch is by donation; we appreciate as much or as little has you are able to give. All lunch donations go directly to the operating costs of the Solomons Team.

U.S. Patriot Sailing would like to thank West Marine, Solomons for their generous support.

Are you out of town for the Holiday Weekend? No problem, you can still support the team by going to https://uspatriotsailing.org/Donation-Form. Please be sure to select Team Solomons when donating!



Club Asset Availability

Just a reminder that Smallboat checkout ends Sept 30

Kayak and SUP checkout ends on October 31







Calvert Watermen's Festival and Boat Docking Competition

Sunday, September 17, 2023 @1200

http://calvertwatermen.org/events.htm





John Blaney *Rear Commodore* rearcommodore@smsa.com



Thank you to all the volunteers that make this club work. A very big shout out to the volunteer bartenders that have supported club events on Friday evenings and special events to keep things going as we go through some unexpected management and staffing changes.

As your Rear Commodore it has fallen to me to be Bar Manager ably assisted by our Treasurer but it has given us the opportunity to review how the bar operates. Not as well as it could unfortunately.

We have a Bar Manager opening should you wish to undertake the task.

We have reviewed what we stock including new member-requested and seasonal products, how we buy them to keep costs low, and price them. We need to account for 5 years of cost increases and inflation so there will be some pricing adjustments.

Most wine is available in 750 ml bottles and spoils once opened, so we will temporarily sell full bottles which provide 4 glasses to share with your friends. In the meantime we and some members are looking for more acceptable small bottle and box wines so we can get back to single 6oz servings.

As always - if you have a product request or suggestion let us know and we will try to see if it is offered by one of our distributors.



If you are interested in filling this position, please contact John Blaney (rearcommodore@smsa.com)

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JUNIOR



Harry & Kati Keith Junior Chairs junior@smsa.com





Thanks for the great 2023 SUMMER SAILING CAMP Season & Looking Ahead!

CAMP SMSA held its last week of summer camp this year in early August. Thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers for a successful summer camp season.

Camper families – There were a lot of miscellaneous items left at camp – towels, shirts, water bottles, hats, lunchboxes, etc. Please, please, please check the Lost & Found box! Expect an email from the Junior chair's mailbox reminding you to look for your items.

We will start the planning for next summer in the fall, so stay tuned and get the word out on our super sailing camp program. We will be on the lookout for instructors, assistant instructors, and, of course, for our Opti and 420 campers for next summer.

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



Smallboat Fall Invitational

When: October 7-8, 2023

Expected Classes: Buccaneer 19, ILCA7, and Portsmouth

Early registration: includes a regatta short sleeve tech shirt on or before 9/17/23. Additional pre-order shirts on or before 9/17/23.



Here is the link to register: https://southernmarylandsailingassociation.theclubspot.com/ regatta/5xhUuzhehR



Head Sailing Coach Still 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 (<u>https://www.smrhs.org/about/</u>

St. Mary's Ryken careers) or you can contact Jon Lombardo at 301-A College Preparatory Catholic High School 475-2814 ext. 433.



Schedule a charter on the newest vessel at the Calvert Marine Museum *Witchcraft II* our BB Crowninshield 65' yacht.

Charters set sail this August - October for evening cruises on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The Witchcraft accommodates up to six guests for an intimate gathering. A licensed USCG captain, mate, and one crew will be aboard each charter to ensure safety and

your time at sea is enjoyable. Witchcraft is equipped with a comfortable cabin so guests can enjoy their favorite foods and beverages. Bathroom facilities are also on board.

Fees

\$750 for a 2-hour charter

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

All passengers must be 18 years or older. Guests are welcome to bring aboard food and beverages of their choice. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the vessel.

http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/504/Witchcraft or for additional information on Charters contact Melissa McCormick (410)326-2042 ext.

THE SOCIAL SCENE



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



What a great month of events for our SMSA club! Between the Sailing Camps, Governor's Cup, Mixed Couple Race/Battle Creek Cruise, RUM Runners Distance Race, Scott Kirby performance, Sharks with Lasers Regatta, and the numerous cruise events, we are not sure that anyone has done anything BUT sailing!

The upcoming month of September does not seem like our sailing club members will be slowing down. There are more cruises, the Stingray Point Regatta, the PRSA President's Cup, AYC to Solomons Race, Buccaneer North Americans, the Wednesday and Thursday night keelboat and small boat races, and possibly the ILCA Crab Claw Regatta.

The Social Committee has assisted in making many of August's events operate smoothly and we will continue to help plan, set up, and break down for the events in September and October. So mark October 7th on your calendars for the club's upcoming Crab Feast. We will be soliciting members to help us plan, prep and set up for this traditional Southern Maryland social gathering and festivity.





Annapolis Garden Theater Cruise

By Carl and Martha Kemp

On Friday Aug. 4th, six boats departed Solomons including *Kalypso* (Fred Siesseger), *No Sched...* (Jerry Taylor), *Safina* (Dennis/Carolyn Chandler), *Cloud 9* (Les Griffith), *Thisilldous* (John/Joan Blaney) and *Serenity* (Carl/Martha Kemp.)

With morning southerly winds, boats sailed north to the first anchorage in Galesville Harbor on the West River. Jerry Taylor on

No Sched... hosted happy hour.

On Saturday morning cruisers departed early and with little wind, motored to Annapolis. Once in the Harbor, all picked up mooring balls for the next couple days stay. Assorted afternoon activities included a hike, a dinghy ride, boat repairs and naps. Everyone met in



Eastport in the evening. While waiting for a table at the Boatyard Restaurant, the group walked to waterfront Davis' Pub and Forward



Brewing for a cold beer or two.

Still on mooring balls on Sunday, the day was spent exploring Annapolis, touring the Naval Academy, eating at perennial favorite Chick & Ruth's Restaurant and on-board watching Harbor activities. Pat and Rod Schroeder and Donna Maneely joined for dinner at Carol's Creek Café and Annapolis Garden Theater for the 8:30 show. As happened last year, rain inter-

rupted the evening and the theater was ultimately cancelled at 9:30. Despite weather, the traditional stop at Kilwins Ice Cream prevailed.

Three boats headed back to Solomons, for various reasons, not least of

which was the impending storm predicated for Monday. The remaining boats cancelled the planned trip to a nearby creek and opted to ride out the storm on mooring balls. The storm arrived late Monday afternoon and lived up to its prediction with strong winds, torrential rains, lightening and thunder.



Cloud 9, Thisilldous and Serenity had a wild sail

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back to Solomons on Tuesday. Big winds out of the west, with sustained speeds of 15-18 kt and 30 kt gusts, and rolling seas were nonstop throughout the day. West winds made for the best sail of the season. Despite the lack of theater, the Annapolis Theater Cruise was a great success.



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Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise By John Blaney & Robin Witte



Saturday, August 12th was the annual event where racers become cruisers and cruisers become racers. For the Race, only a mixed couple can sail the boat from "6a" to "18". They provide the scorer their timing while anyone else aboard stays mute and doesn't assist. However is feeding and watering the couple considered assisting? Lots of room for interpretation. Spencer Wait and the crew from **Woo Hoo!** set a starting line

for those who braved going up the river in light conditions, which at some point turned into no wind before filling in from whatever direction the wind gods decided. **Thisilldous** (John & Joan Blaney) persisted and finished the "race" because the Admiral (Joan Blaney) insisted, having done a few involuntary 360's when the wind died.

For the Cruise, none of the above rules apply. You just get to the destination however you like, as fast as you like, raft up or not, party on board, stay overnight or not, and return. You make it what you want.

Regardless of the outcome, the high point of the day was the raft-up! Unfortunately not all of the racers were able to participate and they were truly missed. We did manage to have 12 boats join in the festivities, which included some powerboats. The water toys were brought out and the couples mixed drinks across the raft.



There are also 3 couples who celebrate their wedding anniversaries within a week of the cruise. Larry and Rose Ray (*Irazu*) have 55 under their belts, Robin & Mark Witte (*Rakali*) have 43 and David and Jacki Meiser (21) who were picking up HJ from CT. The Witte's provided cake and champers ably assisted by the Blaney's to celebrate Larry & Rose's 55th. Everyone brought a dish to share so we were all well fed.

Unlike years past, **Rakali** had the honor of being the anchor boat since the Meiser's were out of town. With a total of 12 boats hanging off the anchor things were going well until the wind picked up a little and the raft began to drag. Not to worry, engines were started on **Rakali**, **Sinbad** and **Thisilldous** to move the raft to deeper water. The anchor was reset and it held.

Before sunset, several boats left the raft up to head back to Solomons and

sometime around 6:30pm-7:00pm. One of our cruisers recently got a fine for not having Tri color Nav lights on his < 10ft RIB and as a result John Blaney bought a Navisafe set. Lucky he had it as Spencer needed to borrow them to get home in the dark. In the mean time the rest of the raft divided into smaller groups for the overnight where there was a lovely night of chatting, music or just sleeping.

Sunday morning **Thisilldous** awakened to the delicious smell of eggs and pancakes emanating from **Sinbad**. The morning brought little to no wind so it was motoring back to Solomons. On the way home the Witte's were spotted with their new dinghy in tow.

As usual a fun raft up and party, whether you raced or not. It's always a pleasure meeting new friends or getting to know some of our like boaters better.

This year's participants whether racing or cruising included **Barba Roja**, **Constellation** (Todd & Jen Porter & Wookie), **Dauntless** (Jim & Jody Keen), **Christopher Dragon** (Jen Marbourg & Scott Patterson), **Thisilldous** (John & Joan Blaney), **Bad Cat** (Robert Herbig & Mandy Keegan), **Sinbad** (Phil, Haley, Ashton, Devon, Chase Sibley), **Irazu** (Larry & Rose Ray, Wendy Zehner & friend), **Terrapin** (Jeff Moore & Dorian Haldeman), **Holiday** (Shawn & Laura Stanley), **Little Dwelling** (Hawk Caldwell), **Rakali** (Robin & Mark Witte with snacktician Evelyn Miller), Scotty & Lynn Roland, Rachel & Matt Carter with Mike Downey, and Spencer Wait, Glenna Snider & kids.



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KEELBOAT RACING



Erick Burger

Keelboat Race Chair

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Wednesday night sailing is coming to an end; this is the last month. SMSA High-Point racing has only the Hooper/Pt-No Pt Race and Fall Invitational regatta remaining, both in October. November will bring the Fall Frostbite Races, so plenty of racing left.

Additional racing outside SMSA has the Stingray Point Regatta on Sept 1,2,3 as well as the Annapolis to Solomons Race hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club on September 23, 2023. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates on post-race events at or around SMSA.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Gov Cup Race. SMSA placed very well in all categories.

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

RC: Thank you very much for all the RC teams that continue to run races. You are making this part of the job very easy... All slots are filled for this year. If you need to sign up to complete your eligibility for scoring (see the SI's), please contact me <u>keel-boat@smsa.com</u> and I will make arrangements.

As the year starts to wind down, it's not too early to start looking for volunteers. The racing marks will be removed after the Frostbite races so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated, just send me an email (<u>keelboat@smsa.com</u>) letting me know.

AYC to Solomons Race

For those that are unfamiliar, SMSA is the co-organizing authority for this event. **So if you're not racing, we need your help!**!!

- Randy Gross has volunteered to drive *Favored End* (that's the RC boat for those that don't know) and take the finishes near PR #3. He will have 2 AYC race committee people folks on board with him and any other folks who might want to volunteer.
- <u>The after-race party is at the SMSA clubhouse</u> which will commence shortly after racers are finished. The club will order ~30 pizzas from Papa Johns with AYC helping to defray the cost.
- Barbara Mederos is tentatively scheduled as our bartender (Thank you Barbara!)
- We will need someone shoreside to coordinate pizzas, pay the pizza driver, and organize the clubhouse.
- The timing of the party is "wind dependent" since we don't know whether the race will be a downwind sleighride (4 hrs to finish for fast boats) or an upwind 10-hour floater with little wind.

If you can help, please contact Jim Keen (williwaw66@hotmail.com)

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Troy Raines *High School Program Chair* hssailing@smsa.com

First I want to thank our Junior Program Chairs Harry and Kati Keith, Harry has helped with some repairs to the clubs 420's, further he is helping repair the dock ramp. On that note, I also wanted to thank Jimmy Yurko on 420 repairs as well. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Some of our new and returning sailors have completed this years summer camps, raced in Screwpile, participated in Thursday night racing among other activities.

I would like to take a moment to highlight what two of our returning sailors, Joseph, and Loundin have been doing this summer.

Joesph has been doing summer work for Ryken, as well as working as a unpaid counselor at sailing camp.

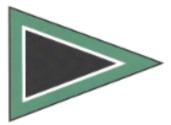
Loundin has completed a week long Vacation Bible School at Dunkirk Baptist Church where she was a counselor and an instructor of Arts & Crafts. She also has learned to crochet and is an avid crocheter.

I want to thank both Joesph and Loundin for their hard work and supporting their local communities.

I look forward to seeing new and returning sailors at the start of this season, and I look forward to hearing what they have been up to.



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Patuxent River Sailing Team Starts their Fall Season!!!

WHEN:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 3:30pm—6:30pm Regattas on selected Weekends

WHERE:

Southern Maryland Sailing Association

14490 Solomons Island Road

Solomons, Maryland

WHO:

Students in 7th—12th Grade

...No experience required!

FALL SEASON: This 10 week season is just getting started so don't wait to sign up!

SEASON FEE INCLUDES:

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

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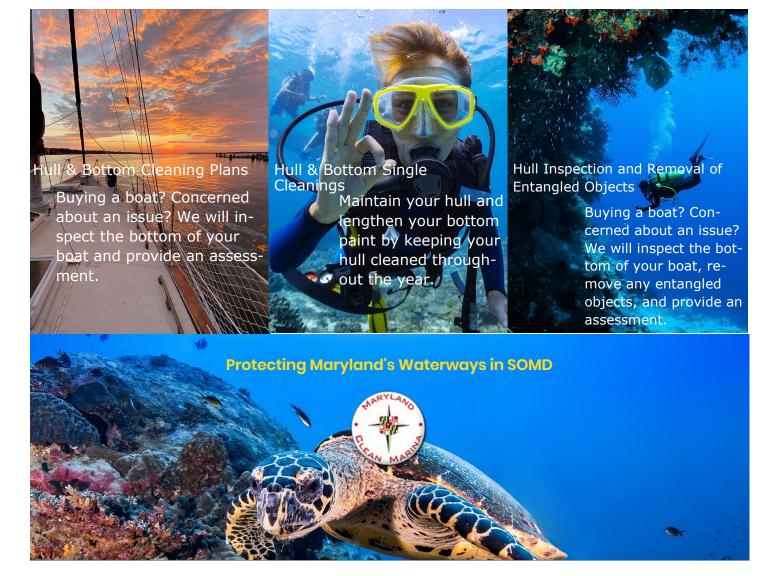
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Crusty Crab Dive Services, LLC, maintaining vessels in the SOMD area.

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:





For more information contact: Philip Sibley Jr. Lexington Park, MD 20653 (c) 484-.390-.4044 CrustyCrabDiveServicesSOMD@gmail.com

Or check out their website:



https://www.crustycrabdiveservicessomd.com/

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CLASSIFIED ADS

ADDITIONAL PRICE REDUCTION: 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 **\$14,000 OBO** Contact John at jrwille@gmail.com

1990 Thomas 35 for sale, \$15,000 OBO.

Tartan factory built performance racer cruiser. Have moved from Maryland and need to sell ASAP. Boat has been sitting on the hard at Washburns for several years. Interior carpet was stripped several years ago. All interior trim is intact and needs to be put back in place. New Jefa lower rudder bearing. Bottom has been sanded, ready for fairing and new bottom paint of your choice. New battery. Garmin GPS, racing instruments, VHF, autohelm tillerpilot. Full set of composite racing sails-main, 1-4 jibs, roller staysail, storm sails, multiple spins (various vendors) and cruising main/RF genoa/asym spin. Cushions and sails kept in conditioned storage. Yanmar 3GM was rebuilt in 2010. Head tank cleansed and all new hoses. Has current USCG documentation. Full maintenance documentation. See pictures by searching the photoboat website. Bring us an offer at 301-904-8305 or youngjk1203@earthlink.net

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 Re popular Sabre 38 MKII racer/cruiser. Sailed Corners on the Chesapeake Bay and prior to 2014, porche Great Lakes (fresh water), SABRE-NA is equipped or 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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29er for Sale, hull 1098 built by PS2000 (former Canadian builder), mast, extra top section, jib, main, spin, all sheets, Seitech dolly, and top cover. Hull is clean. Cleats and blocks for the spinnaker were replaced, a few lines replaced. Spinnaker/Jib halyard (they are continuous) replaced. The sails are good for practice and decent for racing Portsmouth but strongly advise new sails for 29er one design racing. This is an initial soft sale within the club for \$4,000. The boat will eventually be advertised for \$5,000 but for now I'm offering it within SMSA for \$4,000. I will also assist if there are minor repair needed in the short term and if the boat ends up in the SMSA yard I will always offer a hand. I'm having a good time on the RS600 so if you want to practice with another skiff I would come out. I will move the boat to the SMSA yard or someone's home if requested. For more information, contact Dan Bowman at me@danlb.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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SEPTEMBER 2023

Discounts at West Marine—Solomons

SMSA Members can receive a discount at our local West Marine during checkout. Just tell them you are an SMSA

Member to receive the discount.

West MarinePro.

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!



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