

Board of Directors

Wed. Oct. 11: Monthly Meeting 7:00pm

Keelboat

Sat. Oct. 21: Hooper/Pt.-NoPt. Race (SMSA High Point) Sun. Oct. 22: Fall Invitational (CBYRA & SMSA High Point)

Smallboat Racing

Sat.—Sun. Oct. 7-8: Smallboat Invitational Sat. Oct 28: Bucctoberfest

Cruise

Sat.—Mon. Oct. 7—9: Vera's Cruise Thu.—Sat. Oct. 19—21: Where the Wind Blows Cruise

Social

Sat. Oct. 7: Crab Feast (following the Smallboat Invitational) Sun. Oct. 22: Chili Cookoff (following the Fall Invitational)

High School Sailing

Tue, Thur, Fri. 3:30—6:30pm: Practice

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm

MEMBERS CORNER

Newsletter Advertising Fees

<u>Effective October 1, 2023</u> 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

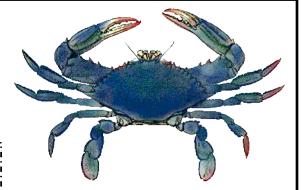
Note: Ads are due to the Clew Editor (clew@smsa.com) no later than the 20th of the month and if applicable payment must also be received. Methods of payment are currently in-work, details to follow.

SMSA CRAB FEAST & BBQ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 5:30PM

\$30/ticket

(\$15 Kids 12 and under; 5 and under FREE) Includes crabs, non-seafood entrée options, numerous sides, and dessert.





Purchase tickets at www.smsa.com

Tickets must be purchased by October 1st so we can order crabs & plan sides.

Limited tickets available for sale after October 1st. No refunds after October 1st.



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

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.

HELP NEEDED IN THE BOATYARD

Dockmaster, Mark Witte is looking for some volunteers to assist with installing tie-down stakes in the boatyard as well as installing a new ladder at the crane.

If you can assist, please contact Mark at mcwitte@md.metrocast.com.



From Dockmaster, Mark Witte:

Special thanks to Harry Keith for replacing one of the approach ramps on the float docks.



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser commodore@smsa.com



When I began my term as Commodore almost two years ago, one of the issues that was foremost on my mind was the permanence of the Club, and ensuring that SMSA would be in place for future generations to enjoy, as we have for the past 50 years. As most of you know, the facility that we enjoy, in the middle of Solomons, is rented, and not owned by us. This means that at any time, the property could be sold, and in such a case, at the end of our lease period, we could be without a facility from which to operate.

For many years, the leaders and membership of the club have discussed finding a place to purchase, or trying to purchase the existing facility. But our searches for another suitable location have turned up empty and our opportunity to purchase the existing facility has never been realized. Last year, as our lease was ending in September, the owner of the property indicated that they were ready to sell. We negotiated a one-year lease extension to negotiate the terms of a purchase. The SMSA Board, started putting together a plan to purchase our facility, had the property appraised, and provided the property owner with a Letter of Intent which included our proposed purchase terms, pending a vote of the membership at last November's Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, this plan fell apart prior to the Annual Meeting, when the property owner did not provide a counter proposal to the terms in our Letter of Intent.

Over the course of the past year there have been ongoing discussions with the property owner regarding many possible arrangements that could provide us with some option, leading toward our ownership of the property. None of these options were mutually agreeable, however...as we got closer to the September 30, 2023, renewal date, it seemed that a 5-year extension to the existing lease may be the best solution, as that option would at least give us five additional years to enjoy the facility. But this scenario did not alleviate the Board's continuing concern that the property could be sold during the course of the lease, to a party who may not be interested in continuing our tenancy. Worst case, if the property were sold to a developer, as is much of Main street in the vicinity of our Club, we could be homeless in as few as five years. In a last-ditch effort, we were able to negotiate a 5-year lease with an option to purchase the property, which was fully signed on September 29th. The terms of the purchase option are very specific, and if exercised, we would be very close to owning the property by this time next year. If we miss the specific deadlines set forth in the op-

tion, the opportunity to purchase will be lost and we would continue to rent for the duration of the 5-year rental term, without any certainty at the end of our lease.

So now the clock is ticking. From a timing perspective, we need to make a legal and financial commitment to purchase by August 10th, 2024, and would probably close on the purchase about 60 days afterwards. In order to meet this timeline, big decisions must be made now. These decisions include authorization for a significant dues increase and consent to incur the requisite debt to purchase the property. All of these details will be presented, discussed and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on November 4th.

In my view, having endured the ongoing discussion of how, if and when to purchase our current facility, or any facility, for that matter----we have one shot at this purchase, and the time is now.

This is a pivotal time in the history of SMSA. We have come a long way in the past 50 years. We have gone from a club with no facility, to a club with a great waterfront location in the center of Solomons. We have been fortunate to rent our current location since 2006, but I can guarantee that arrangement will not last forever, and likely not beyond the term of our now-extended 5-year lease. With the active development on Solomons Main Street, it will be sooner rather than later that a developer will purchase the property and we will be back to having no facility to support our extensive year-around programming.

I look forward to seeing you on November 4th at the SMSA Annual Meeting.

See you on the water,

David

2023 Annual Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th



Doors open—9:00 am

Brunch-9:30 am

Meeting begins—10:30 am

Members will be provided with a recap of 2023 by the Officers and Directors including the fiscal health of the club, <u>purchase of the property</u> as well as the results of the election. This event is a breakfast/brunch style potluck and the bar will be open (cash or credit) serving a drink special of \$3 Mimosas and Bloody Mary's.

Solomons Island Sea Kayak Symposium (SISKS) 2023



Sea Kayakers! Register for the Solomons Island Sea Kayak Symposium (SISKS) 2023. Whether you're a veteran sea kayaker, an interested newbie, or anywhere in between, this symposium is for you. Held the weekend of October 20-22, SISKS is led by seasoned ACA/BCU-certified coaches who provide individualized instruction on paddling, strokes, self-rescue (rolling), expedition skills and more.

For more information, and to register, click here: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7503188/Solomons-Island-Sea-Kayak-Symposium-2023

Club Asset Availability

Just a reminder that Smallboat checkout ended Sept 30 Kayak and SUP checkout ends on October 31









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

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



Are you ready? Bucctoberfest 2023 is here!



When: October 28th

Are you interested in a day of fun on the water with Buccaneer 18 enthusiasts?

Have you not quite ended your sailing season yet? (still got an itch to scratch)

Seen enough of, or not quite enough of the conventional regatta scene?

Do you like fall weather, hanging out with friends in Solomons, talking like a pirate, sailing with friends?

Bucctoberfest just might be the event for you.

This is not your 'typical' regatta...

It's a silly good time and anything is possible.

All boats 20' and under are welcome. We have extra boats on hand for visiting sailors if you're interested (contact jimmydyurko@gmail.com for details).



This is a non-sanctioned sailing event...we're just doing this for fun...there is no prize money...and no trophies but there is a \$40/ boat (\$5/junior boat) registration fee to cover gas money for RC and party favors like snacks, 2 dinners per boat...If you don't have \$40, just come and sail. Additional dinners \$15. Have fun! (See page 7 for information on the planned dinner menu)

Irish Wake for Rich Freeman

Our usual Friday October 6th Happy Hour will indeed be a happy one. Many of you know that Rich Freeman passed away recently. His family asked to have an Irish Wake as a celebration of his life and his love of sailing and our Solomon's community. An Irish Wake is a happy occasion reminiscing about good times had and celebrating the new adventure that Rich has embarked on.



Of course his wife Patty Kimmel predeceased Rich last year and obviously they're enjoying being to-

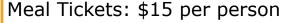
gether again. We get to celebrate both of them. They were enthusiastic volunteers who gave lots to our community. Come celebrate Rich and Patty on Friday Oct 6th at Southern Maryland Sailing Association starting at 5:30pm. Have a drink with the many Freeman and Kimmel family members who will be in attendance and are generously having Mission BBQ cater the event.

A pithy joke apropos the celebration "The difference between an Irish Wedding and a Wake is one less drunk."

John Blaney Rear Commodore, Cruise Chair

Bucctoberfest Party!

Join us on October 28th at 5:30pm for our version of Octoberfest (...and you are welcome to join us for racing!). The bar will be open and dinner will be served.



Planned Menu:

- Bratwurst Red Cabbage Various mustards and sauerkraut
- Knackwurst Potato Salad Apple dessert
- Soft Pretzels Spaetzel



Racing info can be found on page 7



THE SOCIAL SCENE

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



The Crab Feast will be on Saturday, October 7th, following the Smallboat Invitational. We hope to see you there!

Later in the month, our annual Chili Cook-off will be paired with the Fall Invitational on Sunday the 22nd. This event always proves to be a good time! Bring your best Chili to compete for bragging rights or bring a side dish to share. Categories will include Best Chicken Chili, Most Unique Chili, Best All-around Chili, and Best Side Dish, and winners will bring home a prize.

Looking forward into November, please mark your calendars for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 4th. Here, newly elected members of the Board of Directors are announced and snapshots of the club's programs and fiscal health are reviewed. If you are mailing your ballots please give the post office enough time for arrival by Friday, Nov. 3rd. You can also hand deliver your ballot to the club on the morning of the election. This event is a breakfast/brunch style pot-luck. Doors open at 9:00, breakfast will start at 9:30 and the meeting will start by 10:30. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Coffee, tea and juice is provided.



On Sunday, October 22nd we will have our annual Chili Cookoff. Bring your best chili recipe for judging (or another side dish), but definitely come out for this fun evening. The cook-off starts at 5pm and runs until...

Please watch your email for additional details.













Potomac River Cruise

By Kati and Harry Keith





The cruise up the Potomac River, led by Kati & Harry Keith on Circe along with their dog, Bruce, started on Monday, 8/21, with a motorboat ride (no wind) to a happy hour/cocktail party/sunset on the beach at Price Cove. Joining in the fun

were John & Joan Blaney (*Thisilldous*), Les Griffith (*Cloud 9*), and Fred Siesseger (*Kalypso*). It was a beautiful evening and we stayed until the sun went down and the mosquitoes came out.

On Tuesday, 8/22, the winds were favorable and we sailed pretty much the whole way from our Price Cove anchorage to our overnight accommodations at the Colonial Beach Yachting Center. The place was closed, but we were given slips ahead of time, so no problem.





Kati's friend, Jenny Grimes, who lives down in Colonial Beach, met us at the marina in her golf cart. She arranged for us to borrow another golf cart from one of her friends, and we all had a wonderful time touring the town and going to a fantastic wine shop (Circa 1892) for wine and super yummy sandwiches. Colonial Beach is a cute little town and Jenny was a perfect tour guide.





Wednesday, 8/23, we returned the golf carts, then carefully left Colonial Beach under the direction and watchful eye of the range boats from Dahlgren to keep out of their test range area. There was no wind, so we motored to St Clement's Island to

explore the park and lighthouse. We anchored and dinghied in and almost

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had the island to ourselves. Next time, we will contact someone from the park to meet us there and give us the lighthouse tour. In the late afternoon, we moved to and anchored in Canoe Neck Creek. Fred had us all over to *Kalypso* for a fantastic happy hour feast.

Thursday, 8/24, saw overcast skies and upwind sailing to the Point Lookout Marina on Smith Creek. A nice little marina with good walking and biking available and a nice pool. We went out for a great dinner at Salt, right there at the marina.

Heading home Friday, 8/25, was a challenge. Harry & Kati went first and ripped their jib before they even got into the Potomac. The winds were up to 35 and waves were nasty. The Keiths continued and it calmed down a lot once around Point Lookout. They even managed to sail most of the way. The others made the decision to stay at Point Lookout Marina for another day.

What a great cruise! Join us next year!





Vera's Cruise

The Vera's cruise has been shifted a day to Oct 8th with an overnight and return on Oct 9th. It's a busy weekend since we have Rich Freemans wake on Friday Oct 6th, then Crab Feast Oct 7th, and a happy hour followed by dinner at Vera's starting 5pm Oct 8th.

Vera had a reputation for her flamboyant dress and disdain for formality so we're going to follow in her footsteps and have some fun. Any of you who want to land or power cruise are welcome to join us also.

Since we need to make a reservation at Vera's we need a statement of intent, so can you all please respond by email return to Fred Siesseger at rapidefred@gmail.com or Cruise@smsa.com.

Urbanna Cruise

By John and Joan Blaney



Three boats **Thisilldous** (John & Joan Blaney), **Kalypso** (Fred Siesseger) and **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp) took part. The Porters and others had boat or family commitments.

The opening gambit was a change of anchorage for our first night out was because the weather on the 2nd day was forecast to turn nasty. So we bypassed Coan River to get to Mill Creek, VA. *Kalypso* hosted happy hour in the large, very

well A/C'd, well appointed salon. The forecast was true and even sheltered Mill Creek was lumpy which made for a bad nights sleep for all of us. The weather blew strongly the following day so we stayed put but had a very peaceful 2nd night. **Serenity** hosted happy hour.

On to Urbanna via a good sail down to Windmill Light but upon turning the corner up the Rapahannock it turned light. So we motor sailed into Urbanna or "Urbby" as the Anderson's who own it have branded it. They're an interesting couple who ended up there enroute to Tahiti. That's another story to pursue on another trip.

The Urbanna Seafood and Raw Bar was our dinner destination but it's a couple of creeks upriver from the town. It's not a dinghy trip so the alternative was by road. They have an Urbanna Trolly which we'd used it in the past. This time however when I inquired about getting the Trolly our marina host Amy offered us a ride in her SUV. She organized Andy to clean it for us and I'd have him detail my car based on the job he did. Off we go and arrive at what I can graciously say is an authentic seafood processing facility with a very rustic restaurant attached. The food



was superb fried seafood, cooked to perfection and the service despite being understaffed was great. We adopted a help them help us approach and had a superb night. We may all have crossed the line a few times but nobody fell in the crack. Amy arrived to pick us up which gave us time to wonder at the PVC piping climbing up a tall pine tree. Turns out its a homemade industrial size protein skimmer. You can google what that is if your not an aquarium owner.

The following day the weather turned cooler but absolutely

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spectacular. No sailing just exploring and snoozing. "People of a certain age" enjoy that. That evening during happy hour on *Thisilldous* we ended up with Keats, Shelly, Shakespeare, Donne, and Tennyson trying to compose a Limerick to cheer one of our other cruisers recovering well from a medical procedure. What a laugh



but we got the job Donne. Then it was off to Something Different. Its slogan is Bodacious Butts since it's BBQ. They lived up to this in their servings. I'll be eating brisket for a week.

Sunday we headed to Onancock across the bay. It was mostly motor sailing with light winds on the quarters. Another nice day which wasn't too hot. Onancock is a nearly 6nm trip down a dredged channel where you can be chased by a gravel barge but it's beautiful and the little town marina awaits you. It's a little tricky to get into the berths if there's a cross wind



but we all made it. They provide 2 hrs free of a courtesy car which is a retired police cruiser obviously devoid of most of the equipment. However it's still got the big engine, the searchlight, console mountings and no rear door handles. Those if you familiar with the rear of a police cruiser might recognize why they don't have handles. We had fun getting to and from a Blarney Stone dinner in it. We then had post dinner beverages in the Mallard next to the Marina. Sunday night in Onancock wharf was hop-

ping with a lively band playing a medley of well known favorites.

Monday it got a bit steamy so we borrowed the cruiser for some grocery shopping and we're staying cool doing some boat projects. A/C is a blessing if you have shore power or a generator.

Boats are constant maintenance projects and *Kalypso* suffered all sorts of power gremlins but seems to have banished them for the day at least. However Fred still has issues with his jin furler where the head swivel seems to have given up the ghost. He and his dockside neighbor at least got it unfurled and rolled up enough so he could get back to Solomon's. Thank you dockside neighbors. It's a feature of cruising life meeting other cruisers, swapping stories, advice of all sort and getting help.

Forecasts are wild ass guesses but our trip home to Solomon's turned out sunny light and humid so we motor sailed 55 nm. All arrived home safely.



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KEELBOAT RACING



Erick Burger
Keelboat Race Chair
keelboatrace@smsa.com

The Wednesday night sailing season has ended; congratulations to all the participants. I don't believe we had any major on-course situations or protests this year. There is still the SMSA High-Point Hooper/Pt-No Pt Race and Fall Invitational regatta remaining, both in October. Fall Frostbites start the last weekend of October.



Results for all SMSA races series can be found on the internet at the following location: https://www.smsa.com/Race/KBRace 2023.php



As I have announced a couple times, I will be leaving the country in early October for 3 months. I will remain the Chair for Keelboat and attend meetings and send reports but I will need some assistance when I am not physically able to be here. I could use some help in pulling the racing marks after the last frostbite race, as well as working with Scotty (Vice Commodore) in getting trophies gathered. I will be returning to the states at the beginning of the new year (early

January).

You will see in other sections of this Clew that Board and Director positions are up for nominations and election. I hope you take the time and vote. I would like to thank you for a wonderful first season as your Keelboat Chair. I have enjoyed my time and will continue on and chair next season.

I have begun scheduling races for next year and editing the SI's for the 2024 season. If there are changes you would like to see implemented, please let me know soon, so I can discuss with the Vice Commodore and or get board approval if necessary.



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Troy RainesHigh School Program Chair
hssailing@smsa.com

The fall middle school and high school sailing season is in full swing, in addition to regular practice we have completed our first regatta on the 17th of September. Was a good turnout consisting of Tommy Birchfield, Freyja Raines, Nolan Wingate, Owen Archer and Annabelle Yurko. I want to say great job to all those who participated at the regatta and to those at practice.







SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve BirchfieldSmallboat Race Chair smallboatrace@smsa.com

Smallboat racing has been great this year, with lots of participation from both new and seasoned sailors with challenging conditions on the water making for great stories! However, racing is far from being over. We have the 2-day Fall Invitational, Bucctoberfest, and Freeze your Bucc Off! Bucctoberfest and Freeze your Bucc Off are not just for Buccs! Bring your boat of choice and join us for fun out on the water.

"New races recap": It is my intention to continue with the three new races we had this year. The Beer and Soda run was not as well attended as the other two new races, but the sailors who came said it was a blast and can't wait to do it again next year! Oh and the hot fresh food afterwards, so good! What was not to like? The Rumrunners regatta had its own unique challenges which made our races around the marks completely unique, adding a different complexity to a distance race. Radio chatter during the race fueled the fun, included a comment of "this race is Foxtrot Uniform November...!" Last but not least was the one design regatta Sharks with Lasers. I unfortunately missed this race but, I hear it was well attended and racers had loads of fun! I would like to thank everyone involved for making the Sharks with Lasers event happen in my absence. Our sailors and volunteers are truly the best!

Do you have an idea for Smallboat racing for 2024? Let me know!!! We have a lot of new boats with new skippers joining our fleet and it is my intention and goal to continue to grow the program and our sport. Invite your friends and family to sail. Next year's events will also be advertised early and often, hopefully pulling folks from different clubs to our area to join the fun. I look forward to seeing us grow, and can't wait to see what the future holds. See you all at the Fall Invitational. Don't forget to register and to get your tickets for the crab feast!!!



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:





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Or check out their website:

https://www.crustycrabdiveservicessomd.com/



CLASSIFIED ADS

<u>ADDITIONAL PRICE REDUCTION</u>: **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 irwille@gmail.com



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.

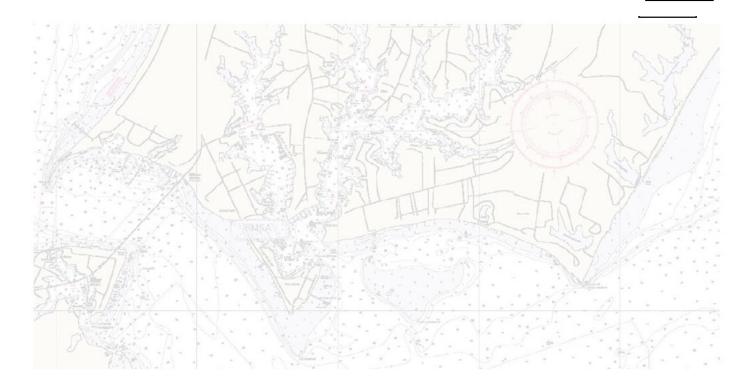


Hunter 31 for Sale

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



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.





OCTOBER 2023

Discounts at West Marine—Solomons

West Marine Pro.

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!