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Independence Day Bar-B-Q

Saturday, July 4 @ 5pm—9pm. Contact social@smsa.com

BOD & Committee Chairs

Tue. July 14 @ 7pm: Monthly Meeting. commodore@smsa.com.

Tue., July 28, 6:30pm—8:00pm, Chairs meeting.

Summer Camp, weekdays (except July 3) through August 7.
summercamp@smsa.com

Cruise

Friday—Monday, July 3, 4, 5 & 6, July 4th Cruise. Contact Marth Kemp at marthackemp@gmail.com, or Phil at cruise@smsa.com.

Friday—Monday, June 10—13, Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise. Contact Dennis at chandlerdm@comcast.net, or Les at lcgriffith@hotmail.com

Friday—Sunday, July 31—August 2, Herrington Harbor South Cruise. Contact Phil Sibley at cruise@smsa.com

Patuxent Pursuit Meetings & Regatta

Sunday, July 12. Equipment Testing. Time TBD. Contact paxpursuitchairman@smsa.com

Monday, July 13, Pre-regatta prep meeting, 5:00pm—8:30pm. Contact paxpursuitchairman@smsa.com

Friday—Sunday, July 17—19, Patuxent Pursuit Regatta Contact paxpursuit@smsa.com

Keelboat Racing

Wednesday, July 1 & 8 & 15, Wed Keelboat Series B.

Wednesday, July 22, Mini Pax Pursuit Fun Race

Wednesday, July 29, Wed Keelboat Series C.

Saturday, July 11, Sharp's Island Race (SMSA High Point).

See the SI's under Keelboat. Contact keelboatrace@smsa.com



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ALTS & Training

Fridays, July 10 & 24, Adult Learn to Sail Holder 20 & 420 sessions, 5:00pm – 7:30pm. learntosail@smsa.com.

Sunday, July 12. ALTS Holder 20 session, 11:30am—2pm.

[Learntosail@smsa.com](mailto:learntosail@smsa.com)

Thursday, July 23, ALTS social cruise, 5:30—830pm. learntosail@smsa.com

Sunday, July 26, ALTS Holder 20 session, 11:30—2:00pm.

learntosail@smsa.com

Small Boat Racing

Thursdays, small boat races though Sept. 10. 6:30-9:30 with rendezvous in clubhouse. smallboatrace@smsa.com



Our Adult Learn to Sail program is a volunteer driven learning program with small group sessions tailored to meet your needs. Designed for beginner sailors with classroom instruction, plus on the water training. Learn and gain confidence. No previous sailing experience is required. Taught on Holder 20s, Sunfish, 420s.

The Adult Learn to Sail program is open to any SMSA member age 16 and up interested in learning or improving skills. Classes continue all season.

Email learntosail@smsa.com to get more information about upcoming opportunities.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
5PM – 9PM

**BURGERS,
HOT DOGS,
BRATS!**

**MEMBERS
BRING SIDE DISHES
OR DESSERTS.**

*Great fun on
Solomons Island!*

★ **WATCH THE FIREWORKS
FROM THE CLUB PATIO!** ★

★ **FIREWORKS OVER THE PATUXENT RIVER** ★

WELCOME NEW SMSA MEMBERS

We'd like to take a moment to welcome the new and returning members that have joined our SMSA family over the past few months!

Please welcome some of our new and returning members:

Kyle and Liz Rempfer

Dee and Ed Lewis

Please keep an eye out for our new and returning members and introduce yourself!



Jesse Buckler

Kyle and Liz recently moved to the area to be closer to the bay and while they have spent lots of time on the water in kayaks, or under it (SCUBA diving), they have always wanted to learn to sail. They're excited about an opportunity to explore something new as a family, and share it with their daughter, DJ, as she grows up!

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The Rempfer Family



The Kofoed Family

<— Hi everyone! I'm Steve and have joined the club with my wife, Sara, and our two boys, Caleb (16) and Jackson (12). We have lived in Southern Maryland for three years and have recently been looking for ways to get out and enjoy the water in the area. We found SMSA, decided to apply, and are happy to have been accepted. We are brand-new to sailing, and looking forward to getting to know you all, learn to sail, and get out on the water.



Commodore's Corner

By Russell Miller
commodore@smsa.com



SMSA runs on volunteers

SMSA depends on volunteers who generously share their time and talents to keep our programs and operations running. In some areas, dedicated "Super Volunteers" seem to manage tasks effortlessly. Or so it would seem. Often, behind that smooth work are challenges and difficult moments that are easy for bystanders to overlook when everything appears to run smoothly.

At times, despite our best efforts and intentions, challenges arise. A task may be overlooked or not receive the attention it needs, especially when volunteer members take on a new role without fully understanding the responsibilities. Sometimes their predecessor handled the work so well that no one noticed the details, and when that person stepped away, the skills disappeared with them. Other tasks are simply too large for one new person and requires a team that has not yet been built. No matter how small a task may seem, our members have always stepped forward with pride to serve. Throughout our history, dedicated doers have turned modest responsibilities into successes beyond what anyone imagined or reasonably expected. Generally we call them "Member of the Year."

At times, volunteers burn out, struggle, ask for help, unintentionally change a tradition, or simply fall short. In those moments, criticism is not helpful. It is hard to say which is worse: quietly watching someone struggle or loudly criticizing a doer of deeds who could have done them better. We are a Corinthian sport and should always act in that spirit. When a volunteering member asks for help, please offer it. If you cannot help, offer encouragement.

If you are willing to help but are not sure how to participate, please reach out to a board member or someone currently on a committee. If that does not work reach out to me directly at commodore@smsa.com. We especially need help with some technical areas like social media, web design, website management, and the communications team.

Russell

History of the Term Corinthian:

The term originates from the ancient Greek city of Corinth, which was historically known for both its luxury and its wealthy sporting amateurs. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, wealthy boat owners would pay professional sailors to race their yachts while they watched. In response, enthusiasts formed clubs—like the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in New York—requiring members to do all the work on the boats themselves, entirely without pay. Corinthian sailing heavily emphasizes the unwritten rules of gentlemanly (or ladylike) behavior and sportsmanship. Sailing is a self-governing sport, and Corinthians are expected to take penalty turns if they break a rule, even if no one else is watching. A focus is heavily placed on teamwork, trusting one's friends, and enjoying camaraderie.

Where the River Meets the Race

The Patuxent Pursuit

July 17 - 19, 2026



Presented by:
SMSA



Shore events/Boat Check-in at:
Southern Maryland Sailing Association
14490 Solomons Island Road
Solomons, MD



✓ **Friday** – Distance Pursuit Race for all boats

✓ **Saturday/Sunday Racing Options:**
Windward/Leeward Bay Buoy Racing
OR
Pursuit Racing on the Patuxent River
Navigator/Crusier Course



Register here:

www.smsa.com



Food/Drinks/Parties

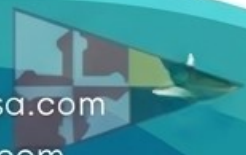


Daily/Overall Awards



Swag for Purchase

For questions contact: PRO – John Herbig – paxpursuitproesmsa.com
Chair – Steve Birchfield – PaxPursuitChairman@smsa.com



The Patuxent Pursuit

Regatta and Shore Side Events, 17-19 July

We are really looking forward to The Patuxent Pursuit on July 17-19! There are 33 boats registered so far and lots of members joining the shore events even if not racing. Checkout the event website at www.smsa.com for updates!

Event Summary: Pursuit-style racing on Friday followed by the choice of Pursuit-style racing or windward/leeward course for Saturday and Sunday. Social activities and food at the club parties after each day of racing as well as Thursday.

OPEN TO ALL—Members, racers, crew, etc. Join the fun!

Shore side activities:

Thurs: Competitors Q&A session (optional) and Social. Bar will be open and pulled meat sandwiches available for purchase..

Friday: Jamaican Grill food truck will be onsite for the after race social activities

Saturday: DJ Carlson and Mediterranean Madness! Join us for amazing summer foods - Greek meatballs, Chicken Souvlaki, Spanakopita, Falafel and more! Dinner Tickets are \$25 - pre-purchase - limited tickets available at the event.

Sunday: After race awards BBQ with Brats, Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, Baked Beans and more! Tickets are \$10 - pre-purchase - limited tickets available at the event.

Shore food tickets are still available for Saturday and Sunday until July 13th and can be purchased at the event Online Shop

This is absolutely a team effort and we thank all of you that have been helping over these past months to make this event (and the prior event) a success.



<https://www.smsa.com/Race/ThePatuxentPursuit.php>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Just in Time for Summer!

If you know a College student that is back in town for the summer and wants to sail, they have a great opportunity to join SMSA for \$81 for the year.

The BOD recently approved a discount for Young Adults between the ages of 18 and 23 who are full time college students at the time of application or on the first day of the membership year (for current members) shall receive a 75% discount on young adult dues with \$0 initiation fee. Enjoy the summer and go sailing!

Volunteers Wanted! The Patuxent Pursuit

We are looking for some additional volunteers to help with preparations before, during and after the event to help spread the load and the fun. Please contact Kristi.Yurko@gmail.com if you can assist and for what task (see below for types of tasks) or even what day you can help - we can accommodate all skillsets! Thank you in advance. Its club members like you that make SMSA such an amazing organization.

Sample areas where we can always use additional help:

- Event setup daily
- Event check-in Thurs and Fri
- Bartending, bar back (restocking, etc)
- Help with food prep/service/event runner (Th, Sat, and Sun)
- Someone with a truck or trailer to take trash to the convenience center to help manage overflow. (may require a 2nd person to help load)
- Set up tables and chairs
- Event info table – sit and answer questions (especially for the out of town crews)
- Many! Clean up crew! Especially on Sunday evening to get ready for camp on Monday morning.
- RC cleanup, equipment checks Monday late afternoon/evening

And there may still be room available on the race committee boats if that is interesting to you.

CRUISERS CORNER

Todd Porter
*Guest Columnist
& co-cruise leader*



Oxford, the cruise that went south

Whether it's NASCAR, boxing, or ice hockey, a title like "The Cruise to Oxford That Went South" implies a description of well, misfortune. Admit it or not, if like me, many folks watch for the crash, the knockout, or the on-ice fight. But rather an essay on human social dynamics, this article describes a sailing cruise to Oxford, Maryland, that actually traveled, well, South.

With wind forecasts from the North throughout the weekend May 15th, and more importantly, early intel describing favorite restaurants and the Safe Harbor Oxford Marina swimming pool closed, it was time to establish the Sail Cruise War Room! Yep, the highly dedicated if not less trained action team gathered at the Porter's conference table. The Chief Planning Officer barked approval as Wookie,



our aspirational 12-pound-begging –for-food-to-be-a-13-pound dachshund, placed a single paw on top of the cruise chart – Courtney's restaurant off Smith Creek! Next step, provide an executive Personal-for command communique to the SMSA Cruising forum to cancel marina reservations and gear-up for the intended cruise adjustment.

Friday May 15th started as planned, providing a nice beam to broad reach for a peaceful 6 knot plus cruise around PR 1 and to the Targets heading South. Not far behind Todd and Jennifer Porter aboard Constellation were: John and Joan Blaney on Thisilldous, Carl and Martha Kemp aboard Serenity, and Harry and Kati Keith on Circe. From here I could describe the beautiful scenery, the reflection of sunlight bouncing from the lapping waves etc., which is all true, but what is the fun in that. It's NASCAR time!

As Constellation drifted in the waning breeze around Pt. Lookout, preparing for a turn to starboard up the Potomac River, little colored bobbing floating things appeared, and not just one or two, but a complete Straits of Hormuz blocking minefield. Realizing I cut it a bit close and was well within the 20-foot demarcation line typical of a blue crab palooza, I reluctantly turned on the engine, and carefully navigated the waiting keel grabbing, prop exterminating tethers and cages of death. With sails full out and me not paying attention to what was lying ahead, a slow 3 knot crab-pot dodging exercise turned into a 22 knot plus wind blast with four foot, six-second-period chop, nearly knocking down Constellation as the Potomac pushed its full force blowing NW down the river. After the 'Porter-strong' crew regained its bearings and successfully furled Jib and Mainsail, the rest of the journey to Smith Creek was relatively uneventful, and if not peaceful.

With Circe, Thisilldous and Serenity very seamanlike rafting up, it wasn't long before the hungry cruisers gathered at Courtney's Restaurant for some well-earned local fare prepared by long-term

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CRUISERS CORNER

Todd Porter
*Guest Columnist
& co-cruise leader*



Oxford, the cruise that went south, continued.

proprietors Julie and Kathy Courtney. We were sad to hear of Tommy's passing. His legacy will continue to be appreciated by local watermen and residents well into the future.



With the sun setting, it was time for the short dinghy ride back to our floating homes for the evening, with plans for a short trip across the Potomac to the Virginia the next day.

The following evening saw everyone successfully anchored at one of our favorite local anchor spots, just up the Coan River. Happy hour aboard Con-

stellation was a blast, with friends sharing experiences on and off the water. To me this is always the best part of a cruise, deepening relationships with common interests, and picking up a sailing and maintenance tip along the way.

With the raft-up breaking up by late morning, Sunday May 17, the journey back to Solomons was a motorboat slug North, with just enough breeze to keep a few of the pesky biting black flies at bay. Thankfully, with fly swatters and electric zapping tennis rackets on hand, few of the hitch-hiking vermin made it to the Patuxent River. In time to make it to SIYC Blessing of the Fleet, a number of the SMSA cruisers joined in on the festivities making a great end to a fun cruise.



Aww – but as promised, the true Disaster. And if you made it to the end of the article, well good on

The Solomons VRS&FD provides FREE CPR/AED training to everyone. Sign up for a class on their website: www.svrsfd.org. Classes are typically held twice per month. Upcoming classes are June 20th and July 6th. Registration is required.



Learn more about the AED at SMSA and about CPR. Questions?? Write Rebecca Murphy at rebeccasruth@gmail.com or call (412) 401-5083.

CRUISERS CORNER

Phil Sibley

Cruise Chair

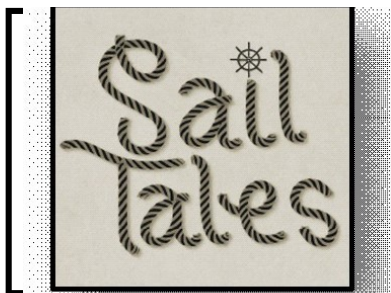
cruise@smsa.com



The month of July will start up with a bang for sure! Join the SMSA cruisers for a fantastic endeavor at St. Mary's City for the yearly fireworks display for the 4th of July weekend. Adding to the clubs favorite destinations, join in the friendship in Annapolis for the annual Garden Theater Cruise. Rolling into the month of August, the club will travel to Harrington Harbor South where attendees will enjoy sunbathing by the pool, water sports by the beach, and cookouts by the grill.. This is always a favorite for the kids, so be sure not to miss this exciting destination.

If you plan on attending any of these cruises over the next few months, please remember to get your slips booked soon as they for sure will begin to fill up as the summer days approach.

GO CRUISING!



Harry Keith

Guest Columnist



Maryland Safe Boater Certificate -- Should You Get It?

Most of us know that Maryland, like most states, has a requirement for a Safe Boater Certificate. Many of us also know (because we are in that category....) that anyone born before July 1, 1972 is exempt from that requirement in Maryland. What most people don't understand is that while Maryland's Certificate is universally recognized in all other states, Maryland's exemption is NOT recognized by any other state. Virginia and DC, as the two most important examples, require a Safe Boater Certificate for ALL operators, and a Marylander in Virginia or DC cannot use "I don't need it in Maryland" as an argument.

All boaters in Maryland, regardless of age, SHOULD get a certificate, as we are all likely to boat in Virginia or DC. You can get it for free in many ways, a popular way is through BoatUS it takes about 5 hours, is all online, and can be taken in several sessions (<https://boatus.org/free-courses/free-boating-safety-course/maryland/>). Alternatively, you can take a challenge test from Maryland DNR (that was my solution) -- but now that there is a free course for under 5 hours, it's hard to justify the effort to test out.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Rebecca Wingate
High School Program Chair
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High School spring wrap up for 2026

School's out for the summer!

Our middle school and high school sailing season wrapped up in May with 4 regular season regattas and the JV and Varsity Championships!



We kicked off the month on Saturday, May 2nd, with nine sailors competing across two events - our team is growing! At the Tier 2 regatta at Ryken, Max and Joseph skippered with Beau, Hadley, and Loundin as crew. The team placed 4th out of 6 schools, with some top level finishes by both boats. At

the Tier 3 regatta in Gunston, Annabelle and Owen skippered with Jackson and Colt as crew. The team placed 3rd out of 6 schools, and Owen and Colt were at the top of their fleet - first place in the B Division fleet!

Next up was a Tier 2 regatta at Baltimore County Sailing Center on Saturday, May 9th. Max and Owen skippered with veteran sailors Tommy and Nolan as crew to help them around the course. The team placed 6th out of 15 schools on this light wind day!



The team wrapped up the season with a Tier 3 regatta in Kent Island on May 17th. Owen and Annabelle skippered with Hadley and Jackson as crew. The team placed 3rd out of 7 schools, and Annabelle and Jackson placed second overall in the B Division fleet!

To finish the season off, both JV and Varsity teams were invited to the MDSA league championship regattas over Memorial Day weekend on May 23rd and 24th at Tred Avon Yacht Club. If you can remember back to Memorial Day, it was a challenging weather weekend!

Despite the cold, pouring rain and heavy winds, skippers Max and Owen with crew Beau, Jackson, and Annabelle sailed in JV Champs with smiles on their faces! The team placed 11th out of 16 schools, and Owen and Annabelle finished in the top third of their B Division fleet. Well done, JV sailors!

The weather was much improved on Sunday for the Varsity Champs, but was challenging in its



High School wrap-up continued.

own way with light winds in the afternoon. Nolan and Tommy skippered with Max and Owen as crew, and the team placed 9th out of 18 schools! Tommy and Owen finished in the top third of their B Division fleet - the perfect way for Tommy to celebrate his 17th birthday!



Congratulations to all of the sailors that participated in the JV and Varsity Champs, and to all of the sailors who participated in regular season regattas to get us to the Champs! The season came to a great end, and many ice cream cones were consumed at the Scottish Highland Creamery in Oxford!

Finally, the whole team celebrated the end of the season with a pizza party on Friday, May 22nd, before the Champs regattas. We said goodbye to two seniors this year, Joseph and Loun-din, and wished them fair winds and following seas as they enter their next chapters!



Scott Kirby

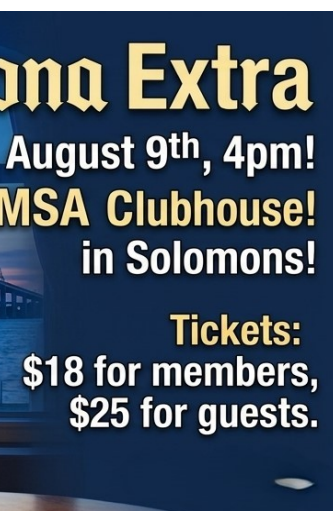
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Corona Extra

Sunday, August 9th, 4pm!
at **SMSA Clubhouse!**
in Solomons!

Tickets:
\$18 for members,
\$25 for guests.

see smsa.com for tickets, or write to scottatsmsa@gmail.com.



Camp

Johna Till Johnson

Summer Camp Chair

summercamp@smsa.com



Summer Camp Sailing Ambassador Volunteers Needed!

We would love for interested members to become "Summer Camp Sailing Ambassadors"! This entails being available for things like inclement-weather activities. If it's too stormy to sail, you could:

- Come tell us your best sea stories! Bring photos and share that time you crewed across the Atlantic. Let the campers learn what sailing is all about (photos welcome!)
- Share seamanship skills. If you've got particular skills in knot tying, first aid, gear stowage, boat repair, or other seamanship abilities, you could share these with campers. (Always good if you could toss in a story or two about a time you've needed those skills).

We can also use you to be another adult human in the club during normal times to keep an eye on things (and see what summer camp is all about). And if you have other ideas on how to engage with the SMSA Summer Camp, we're all ears.

If you're interested, please email summercamp@smsa.com and let us know what you'd like to do.

Drop us a line at summercamp@smsa.com, tell us how you'd like to help, and we'll let you know next steps.

Here's to growing the next generation of sailors!

See another important message from Johna regarding camp on the next page!



**HAPPY HOUR IS
EVERY FRIDAY AT
5:30**

Come in for fun and terrific sunsets on the front patio. We go until about 9:30pm or whenever Ana kicks us out! Sit on the patio and watch the crowds and boats go by!

Camp Page 2!

Johna Till Johnson

Summer Camp Chair

summercamp@smsa.com



SPECIAL NOTICE!!! Clubhouse protocols on weekdays during camp hours!!

It's that time of year again! From June 22 through August 7, on weekdays from 00900 to 1600 we're holding Sailing Summer Camp at the SMSA clubhouse and dock.

Per Maryland law, we have a club policy (https://www.smsa.com/SMSA_Policy_Manual_40.pdf, pages 12 and 13) that notes some constraints on using the club **from June 22 through August 7, 2026 during the hours of 0900 through 1600 weekdays.**

If you have questions, or wish to access the small boats or sails noted in item 3, please **contact in advance: Camp Director Ana Donnelly at 651-260-5629 or as backup Camp Chair Johna Till Johnson 917-991-1468.** If in doubt, please call ahead!

Key points:

All SMSA members shall check in with the camp Director immediately upon entering any part of the SMSA Clubhouse and surrounding property. (This applies even if you have called ahead.)

1. All SMSA members shall, to the fullest reasonable extent, stay clear of all campers and camp activities and have no contact or interaction with any camper.
2. All SMSA members who may need to enter the small boat equipment and sail storage area and rows D and E (Laser Storage Area) shall first coordinate with the Camp Director as noted above.
3. All SMSA members shall use the restroom facility inside the main front room of the clubhouse. The T-Head is closed from 0900-1600, Monday through Friday.

Here's to successfully growing our next generation of sailors through summer camp!

Johna



**Bring a folding chair to use on
on the patio for the fireworks!**

For info, contact Paige at social@smsa.com

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

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

We offer the following services:



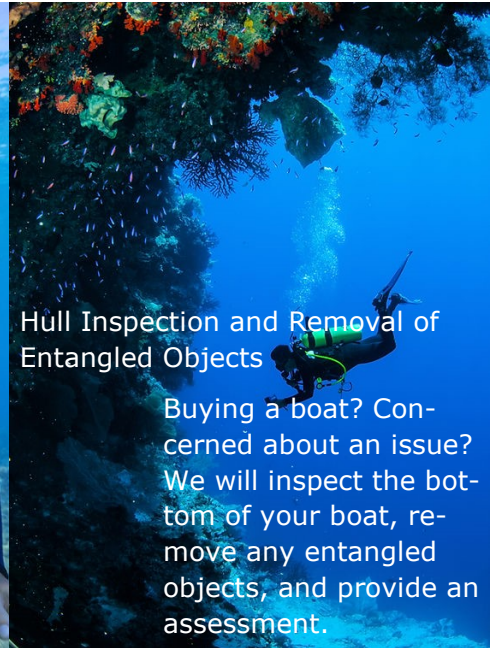
Hull & Bottom Cleaning Plans

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



Hull & Bottom Single Cleanings

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



Hull Inspection and Removal of Entangled Objects

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



Protecting Maryland's Waterways in SOMD



For more information contact:

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Or check out their website:

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



SMALLBOAT RACING



Bill Shoemaker

Smallboat Race Chair

smallboatrace@smsa.com

Small boats hit a home run in the month of June

June started off with several events for small boat racing. June 6 was the Spring Invitational with 16 boats participating. The winds started out light, causing a postponement, but filled in later in the afternoon for three good races. The next day was the Broken Rudder Dinghy Distance Race. The weather forecast did not look favorable at first, but again it turned into a good day for sailing. A huge thank you to the Race Committee of Randy Gross, Robin Witte, Erika Danchak, Doug Hays, Charlie Judge, Barbara Miller, Thomas Shoemaker, Ana Silveira and Calvin Stull for their hard work during some challenging conditions over the course of the two days

We had our first planned team racing day on the 18th. Using the club's 420s, four teams of two boats competed against each other. Many of the younger sailors showed up and each team energetically battled over the course of four races.



The Patuxent Pursuit

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Where the River Meets the Race



Friday - Distance Pursuit Race

Saturday/Sunday
Windward/Leeward Racing

Awards & Parties

Swag

→ Register here:
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For questions contact:

PRO - John Herbig : paxpursuitpro@smsa.com
Chair - Steve Birchfield : PaxPursuitChairman@smsa.com

Creators and collaborators wanted to promote SMSA!!!

Think you're good with a camera? How about that video feature on your phone? Well, then! SMSA Communications has a proposal for you; become a collaborator and/or contributor to the SMSA Facebook page and the SMSA Instagram! We are seeking people with that eye for good shots and for interesting and exciting video to feed us material or become a collaborator from your Instagram account!

What's in it for you? The chance to show your chops and to help SMSA grow by attracting new members!

We actually have a budget this year to run targeted ads through Facebook and Instagram, but we need kick-butt content and more followers to make the algorithms work for us. Email the Communications Chair, Tim Flaherty, at communications@smsa.com to get started!

THE SOCIAL SCENE

Paige Smith, Chair

social@smsa.com



Happy Summer SMSA! Summer has arrived and so has the heat! Even though June ended with high temperatures, the sailing weather could not have been more perfect! There were numerous days with great winds for races, cruises and sunset sails. The SMSA Luau was one of those great social events that occurred on a perfect weather day and was a tremendous success! Many thanks go out to those who helped with party supply purchase, garnish prep on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon setup, food/beverage assistance during the party, grilling team, and clean-up crew! I truly appreciated all the assistance.

Raftup for the PAX River Airshow was also a huge success! Many SMSA members traversed across the river to the base on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to watch the amazing practices and shows.

Our next big event is the 4th of July Celebration. Please plan on joining us for the fireworks display organized by the Solomons Business Association and remember to **bring your chairs**. SMSA will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats for the potluck. Doors will open at 4:30pm and the potluck will begin approximately 6:00pm. Members should plan to bring side dishes and desserts to provide for 8 -10 individuals.

IMPORTANT: Members are needed to help prepare for this event!

Please contact Paige at social@smsa.com or 703-475-5629 to assist in the setup, side dish table management, grilling and clean up.



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 **West MarinePro**

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 Marine may ask for your name which will be checked 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!

