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COMMODORE

This fall has been fabulous for sailing. The J/29 North Americans were hosted by SMSA amidst 20 knot spinnaker-busting winds. From the weather mark RC boat, I was amazed to see seven or eight boats turning the mark overlapped or within seconds of one another. Equally amazing was the number who approached on port tack. What a great regatta- many thanks to John and Linda Edwards for coordinating this event, and to John Weir for assuming the role of PRO.

I sailed the first two Frostbites with SMSA member Stu Baldwin on his recently acquired Olsen 30 *No Breaks* (formerly a SMCM boat). Both races were very enjoyable. Over twenty boats started at the Calvert Marina gas dock. I hope to see Stu out regularly during next year's racing season.

I have asked Jay Hanks to stay on as chairman of the Planning and Policy Committee. I believe it is important to maintain some continuity in this position with some of the issues coming before the BOG and SMSA membership. Please give Jay as much help as he needs. I will have appointed the rest of his committee before the end of the year.

As December 27 is the end of the 60-day cycle for voting on the SMSA land acquisition, we will have a special meeting of the BOG that night at 7:30 p.m. The order of business will be tallying of votes and pledges and presenting results. Pledges/ballots may be changed that night prior to the tally. A postcards will be sent to the membership as a reminder in early December. We will also open the SMSA clubhouse from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 8 for any members seeking more information or wishing to ask questions about the potential land acquisition. The Annual Christmas Gathering will follow at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

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SECRETARY

**DRAFT MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2001**

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:
Jim Young, Barbara Herbig, David Arbuthnot,
Shawn Stanley, Walt Rupp, Dan Schneider, Laura

Comeau, Tim Flaherty, Dave Pedersen, Gail Goode, Bridget McNamara

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Maggie Weir, Jay Hanks, Jeff Kumke, Barbara Miller

Commodore Jim Young called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary – The minutes from the October 15 meeting were read and approved with two changes.

Treasurer – David distributed budget work sheets for everyone to start planning their 2002 budgets.

The work sheets need to be completed and brought to the December BOG budget meeting. Our bank account is at the same level as past years and there are no large bills to be paid for the rest of the year. If anyone has questions regarding past expenditures, I am available. He also noted that the October phone bill showed signs of excessive use of the telephone in the clubhouse. An itemized list of phone calls will be requested from the phone company.

Race – Shawn reported that he sent out invoices for informal sponsors. The small boat committee had a meeting last night and they decided to accept Jay Hank's trophy offer. The trophy will be awarded for the "Highest SMSA Score in the Fall Small Boat Regatta." Many thanks to Jay!

Cruise – Walt reported that the 2002 Cruise schedule has been incorporated in the BOG calendar and that cruising reports will continue to be given to Maggie for *The Clew*. We will have a SMSA Cruising Program Frostbite Cruise this weekend to St. Leonard's Creek.

Junior – Dave reported that Jay Hanks has offered his Bayliner for Junior Regattas. We will gladly take him up on his offer. This is a great thing! On November 30, the high school sailing team will have a pot luck/awards ceremony at our clubhouse. November 17 will be the last regatta at St. Mary's College. This will be an inter-scholastic high school regatta – not SMSA. Jim Young suggested to Dave that he should attend the next CBYRA meeting to help with the scheduling and to propose our club as a host for junior events.

Women's – Gail reported that everyone at the Women's Cruise last month had a great time. We only had 1 boat participate – hopefully next year we will have more participants. She will update the BOG 2002 calendar to include the winter seminar dates I have planned. Walt volunteered himself and his wife, Jan, to help with the seminars again this year. Gail gladly accepted.

Vice Commodore – Nothing significant to report. Some comments on the J/29 Regatta have been very positive.

Race – Shawn said thank you to Dan, Jeff, Pete and Walt for helping retrieve the race marks. The appliance they developed worked very well.

Membership – Bridget reported that we have two new members. She suggested that a brochure for new members be developed that depicts the proposed plans being developed for our club. Barbara pointed out that they all ready have a pamphlet that is used for promotional advertising and suggested it could be modified. Tim, Bridget and Barbara will get together and bring the proposal to the next BOG.

Social – Laura and Sandy met at St. Mary's College to go over the plans for the Awards Banquet. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. More info will follow in her article. Laura is also looking for volunteers for the December 8 Christmas gathering. She will have an article in *The Clew* with more details.

Publicity – Tim nominated Bridget as the official yearbook photographer for races and Walt for cruises. Barbara will keep the 2002 calendar and submit it to Maggie for inclusion in *The Clew*. Barbara will also provide a summary of events for 2001 cruises and races for the yearbook. Tim wishes to generate more publicity for our club events and activities. He asks Governors, Officers and other event leaders to appoint someone on their committee or helping with the event to write a news article about their event. In case this isn't possible, forward the information to Tim and he will write the article. Be sure to contact Tim before articles are submitted to *SpinSheet*, etc., so that we don't have duplicates or competing articles.

Facilities – Dan thanked everyone who helped with the J/29 Regatta and mentioned that it is nice to have a club that supports such events. One of his first jobs will be to get a plumber to look at the septic field at the clubhouse and get an estimate to repair the problem. He would like suggestions forwarded to him on what people want to do to our facility. He thinks we should replace our old charcoal grills with gas grills. It was brought to Dan’s attention that the outside water faucet does not work. He will look into the problem.

New Business –

- Approval of SMSA-hosted national regattas. The BOG needs to vote its approval on any hosted regatta. There are several items that need to be established before someone is identified as PRO, i.e., appropriate safety measures need to be taken, race committee needs to be identified, treasurer needs to be informed and a deposit is needed in advance, etc. A suggestion was made to draft a checklist for future events. Shawn and Barbara will take this for action.

- Tax status for land acquisition. The tax lawyer has said that non-SMSA member income is or can be taxable. Screwpile profits are taxable.

- Jim Young took an Opti to Hollywood Elementary School and the kids got in and went sailing in their classroom. He will write an article for *The Clew*.

- Jay Hanks has accepted the Commodore’s appointment to be the Chairman of the Planning and Policy Committee for another year.

- Bridget will keep the database for membership and update our mailing list and labels.

- On December 27 at 7:30 p.m., the ballots for the SMSA Property Acquisition Motion and the SMSA Capital Assessment Pledges will be counted at a special BOG meeting at our clubhouse.

- David brought up a question as to whether we should have junior memberships. He thought that abolishing junior memberships might encourage more family memberships and get more young parents active in the association. After much discussion it was decided that the Policy and Planning Committee would be given this issue for

review and would make a recommendation to the BOG.

Shawn made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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POLICY AND PLANNING LAND ACQUISITION

LAND ACQUISITION REPORT

I feel that SMSA members have been given the opportunity to become informed before voting on the Land Acquisition issue. Numerous articles on the topic have appeared in *The Clew* over recent months; David Arbuthnot prepared a detailed survey and presented its results at the Annual Business Meeting; many conversations at rendezvous and meetings have addressed the topic; David prepared an informational insert in the 60-day ballot package; and I have continued to answer calls, letters and emails.

By using Screwpile Regatta income, the one-time assessment will decrease from \$850 to \$550, and the initiation fee for future members will consequently be reduced. I believe that all members of the P&PC, and the 2001 and 2002 BOGs now recommend passage of the Land Acquisition Motion.

Further information will be offered at meetings ending with the 60-Day Referendum, Special Meeting at which votes can still be changed/made and at which the votes will be counted. This will happen in time to also count the Pledges to pay the one-time assessment of \$550 that are necessary in order to assume sufficient support to include that amount in the membership renewal process, for Individual, Family and Emeritus Memberships during January.

This will be the most important decision in the history of the SMSA. I have hopes that the referendum will pass, that we will lose very few members, and that new members will come.

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CRUISE

Our cruising season ended with a great “Frostbite Cruise” to Breeden’s Point in St. Leonard Creek (where the cows come down to the water). This was the last opportunity to earn cruise points for the 2001 cruising season. My review of SMSA cruising activities for the year 2001 finalized these statistics. We have had 45 boats participate in the various cruises. Of these boats there are nine that qualify for the cruising burgee with 35 or more cruise points to their credit. These boats are *Blue Heron, Brigadoon, Clockwork, Harmony, Lynn-Dee, Mayflower, Patriot, Serenity, and Windwalker.*

On the subject of cruise points earned this season, I have filled in, to the best of my knowledge, the final cruise point matrix as of November 12. I ask, again, that all cruise leaders and cruisers who have sailed in this year’s cruising program check for the listing of their boat’s participation in the various cruises and assure that the dates and points awarded are indeed correct. I have had several inputs since October and there could be some last minute information you would want to have recorded. The updated cruise point matrix is included elsewhere in this issue of *The Clew*. I also ask that the long distance cruisers contact me in the next few weeks so that I can finalize the inputs for the 1000-Mile Award plaques. I have four inputs as of November 12. The 1000-mile cruisers are: *Brigadoon, Gusto, Magic, Serenity, and Swan.*

After the race/cruise/activity coordination meeting on November 3, I look forward to another lively cruising season in 2002. We have listed 26 cruise or race/cruises for next year. I will be looking for cruise leaders for all of these events. It is early, but start looking ahead and check the tentative dates in the 2002 cruising schedule overview, included in this issue. Then, by the cruise-planning meeting in February, we will have a full list of cruise leaders. *Yea!*

As always, please contact me if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on our SMSA cruising program. I want SMSA to have the best of all cruising programs on the Bay!

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SMSA 2002 Cruising Schedule (Draft)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Cruise name</u>	<u>Cruise Leader</u>
<u>April</u>			
6-7	S	Opening Day Cruise	TBD
28-29	S	Weekend Cruise	TBD
28-29	P	Weekend Cruise	TBD
<u>May</u>			
11-12	S	Weekend Cruise	TBD
11-19	S,P	One-Week Cruise	TBD
11-26	S,P	Two-Week Memorial Day Cruise	TBD
<u>June</u>			
1-2	S,P	Weekend Cruise/end 3 week Cruise	TBD
6/21-7/7	S,P	Two-Week Cruise	TBD
21-23	S,P	Vice Commodore’s Race/Cruise	TBD
6/21-6/30	S,P	One-Week /Two-Week Cruise	TBD
6/29-6/30	S,P	Christmas-in-July	TBD
<u>July</u>			
7/1-7/8	S,P	2 nd Week of 2 nd Two-Week Cruise	TBD
7/3-7/7	S,P	Fourth of July Cruise	TBD
7/27-7/28	S,P	Women’s Cruise	TBD
<u>August</u>			
2-4	S,P	Race/Cruise St. Mary’s City Gov. Cup Rendezvous	TBD
24-25	S	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise	TBD
8/30-9/2	S,P	Labor Day Cruise	TBD
<u>September</u>			
21-22	S	Weekend Cruise	TBD
21-29	S,P	One-Week Cruise	TBD
28-29	S	Weekend Cruise	TBD

October

4-6	S,P	Weekend Cruise	TBD
11-14	P	Columbus Day Cruise	TBD
26-27	S	Halloween Cruise	TBD
26-27	P	Halloween Cruise	TBD

November

9-11	P	Frost Bite Cruise	TBD
9-11	S	Frost Bite Cruise	TBD

Key

FLEET S=Solomons P=Potomac

Saturday Night Rafts 2002 Schedule

For members who cannot accompany cruises in progress or if no formal cruise is planned, there are designated anchorage locations for Saturday Night Rafts throughout each month of the cruising schedule in the Solomons and Potomac areas. These are potential gathering places for members who plan to spend weekends afloat near their homes. Saturday Night Rafts are not recognized as part of the regular cruising program (no cruise leaders, no points, etc.), but they enable SMSA members a place to meet each other for social evenings. The Saturday Night raft locations are: TBD. If a SMSA boat is anchored at one of the above locations on a Saturday evening and would like to be joined by other SMSA boats, the SMSA burgee should be flown and fenders put over the sides. Guests would be welcome upon invitation.

Frostbite Cruise November 10-11, 2001 St. Leonard Creek

The weather for the Fall Frostbite Cruise offered us an ideal weekend so we sailed to St. Leonard's Creek. Although a bit breezy in the bowl of the river near Solomons, up the river past Pt. Patience the wind from the south was just right for a marvelous sail into the creek.

On the cruise were *Windwalker* (Herbig), *Patriot* (Hanks), *Njord* (Green), *Decoy* (Larsen), *Chouette* (Chandler), and *Brigadoon* (Rupp). We had a marvelous rendezvous with mild temperatures, and broke off only as the evening fell into darkness. The night, as promised, was very chilly. We

needed all our blankets and pull over caps to survive the night comfortably. The morning dawned with brisk winds blowing down the river from the north for an easy run home. Our thanks to all who attended the last cruise of the sailing season. We look forward to next year.

Jan & Walt Rupp, Cruise Leaders

HALLOWEEN CRUISE

Deshandera left her slip in 17 knot winds out of North/North West gusting to 26 with temperatures at 62 degrees - not sure what the wind chill factor was! Coming out of Solomons the J/29 regatta was in full force - Spinnakers no less. You gotta love it!

We arrived at the Hanks' dock around 2 p.m.. Much to our surprise, boats started arriving around 4 p.m. All in all we had eight boats as follows: *Deshandera* - Bill and Charlotte Mahood, Cruise Leaders; *Brigadoon* - Walt and Janet Rupp; *Blitzen* - Jack and Cindy Andre with daughter, Lora and friend Miranda; *Swan* - Ken and Ellie Mowbray; *Morning Star* - Rick and Terry Farman; *Chouette* - Dennis and Virginia Chandler with grandchildren Casey and Lauren; *Lynn Dee* - Gerry and Marilyn Eastwood, and finally *Patriot* - Jay and Mary Hanks, our hosts for the weekend. Happy Hour started at approximately 5 p.m. Jay and Mary had set up tables on the dock and we were more or less protected from the wind by Jay's shed.

Judging for the children's costumes was by Terry Farman and Bill Mahood. Categories were: **Most Regal** won by Lora Andre; **Most Ghoulish** won by Casey Chandler, **Most Out of This World** won by Lauren; **Most Traditional** (Witch) won by Miranda. Adult costumes consisted of the most layers of clothes. Not sure who had the most but everyone agreed it had to be Bill Mahood because he truly was the only one in costume. Bill never wears anything but Speedos and shorts - even in the winter. Terry Farman also did the Pumpkin judging. Children's categories; **Blinkiest** by Casey and Lauren; and **Novocaine Smile** - (so named

because one side of its face was puffy) by Lora and Miranda. Adult pumpkins: **Most Pathetic** by Walt Rupp. Walt's pumpkin looked as if someone hauled off and smashed his face. Jay Hanks had the meanest looking pumpkin but the prize went to the Eastwoods titled the **Most Sensual** by Terry Farman. Ask her why!

Everyone retired early with the exception of the children. You might ask how cold it was? Bill and I slept in sleeping bags inside sleeping bags with blankets. Bill and Jay got up at the crack of dawn and ventured into Lexington Park for bagels and donuts. Everyone was greeted with fresh brewed coffee and the pastries provided by Mary and Jay. Great way to start the day! You should have been there - hope you will next year.

Charlotte and Bill Mahood

RACE GOVERNOR

This year's racing season is just about done except for a couple more Frostbites. Amazingly, the weather has so far held out for another great series. It continues to be one of the best-attended series SMSA has with 23 boats, rivaling even the ultra popular Wednesday nights.

The end of the season brings a few tasks. The Bay race marks (D & E) are on shore once again. Thanks goes to Jeff Kumke for diving on the anchors, as well as to Dan Schneider for helping to design a retrieval system for the 250+ pound anchors. Others who assisted in this annual pain were Social Governor Laura Comeau, celebrity helmsman, Cruise Governor Walt Rupp, and as always, superman Peter LaRoche.

If you would like to help with the race program or have questions, please feel free to call me. Also, please be sure to attend our annual Awards Banquet in January to enjoy one of our premier events of the season and to cheer on your fellow

sailors when they receive their well-deserved racing and cruising awards.

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Minutes from the Annual PHRF Board of Delegates Meeting for 2001

The Annual PHRF Board of Delegates Meeting for 2001 was held on November 10. PHRF members, this year totaling 1099, were represented by officers and delegates at the annual meeting hosted by EYC, and chaired by the 2001 President. Reports were provided by President Joe Krolak, Treasurer Betty Robinson, Past President Bob Thomas, US Sailing representative Bruce Bingman, Chief Handicapper Rob Mairs (Region I, II, III), Handicapper Randy Pugh (representing Region IV), and Executive Secretary Stew Buckler. PHRF continues to be an increasingly popular (7% increase over last year) handicapping system across most regions of the Bay. Improvements in handicapper communication, and the web site (valid list on line) have provided more efficient services to members and race committees for 2001. The report on PHRF high point scores for CBYRA sanctioned events will be available in five or six weeks.

The 2002 PHRF class splits were also finalized at this meeting. The only change to the class splits for 2002 will be in region 3AW, where the PHRF A0 to PHRF A1 split will be lowered from 49 to 40 sec/mile. The class splits for all other regions will continue as in 2001. Other issues that were brought to the attention of the officers, delegates, and handicappers during the year were discussed and considered for possible rules revisions at this meeting. The major changes resulting from these discussions related to the rule restricting use to only one type (symmetric or asymmetric) of spinnaker on the PHRF rating certificate. The delegates voted to make it "legal" for the board of handicappers to issue rating certificates for boats choosing to race with both symmetric and

asymmetric spinnakers. Boats choosing this option will identify this option on the renewal or application form, and the handicapper board will assign a rating covering the use of both types of spinnakers. Boats not choosing this option will still identify use of either symmetric or asymmetric spinnakers. Either type of spinnaker may be “flown” from a movable spinnaker pole.

Changes to the present roller furling rules were discussed at length, and only a minor amendment to section 17D of the standard sail and equipment specifications was approved for next year. A technical committee will meet to recommend a better, more permanent, RF rule to be presented at the next delegates meeting. The delegates also considered having a separate non-spinnaker rating for PHRF boats; however, no changes were approved for next year.

The delegates approved the creation of a plaque honoring Fredrick L. Williams (Past Commodore of FBYC), who passed away in 1999. The plaque honoring Fred will make note of his leadership and efforts that strongly contributed to PHRF experiencing the popularity it does today as the most widely used handicapping system for cruising and racing boats in the country. Fred was the first President of PHRF of the Chesapeake from 1975 to 1981.

PHRF officers elected for 2002 are as follows: President: Jerry Smernoff; VP, Regs I, II, III: Rob Jabin; VP Reg IV: John McCarthy; and Secretary/Treasurer: Betty Robinson. Chief handicappers will be Rob Mairs for Regs I, II, III, and Rusty Burshell for Reg IV.

Stew Buckler, SMSA PHRF Delegate

Annual CBYRA Delegates Meeting

As your delegate to CBYRA, I will be representing SMSA at the annual meeting to be held December 1 in Richmond, Virginia, this year. If you would

like me to present any thoughts or issues to CBYRA, please call me at 410-535-2402.

Stew Buckler, SMSA CBYRA Delegate

JUNIOR PROGRAM

It is a pleasure to write this first column outlining great things to come in the junior program. As the new Junior Governor, I am looking forward to an active and successful tenure. Currently, I am reviewing the junior program calendar, have spent one morning stowing the opti's with the welcome and much appreciated assistance of Jeff Kumke, and am figuring out the budget for the coming year.

The junior members of SMSA are an important part of our programs. They nurture future sailors, opening new doors to the pleasures of cruising and competition. The juniors will have the opportunity to learn valuable skills, good sportsmanship, and teamwork. We are lucky to have the great kids we already have in the program, the dedicated adults who work hard to make the program successful, and the support of the club, which recognizes the value of training young sailors.

I have already had many people step forward and offer their assistance in the coming year. I appreciate the interest and know that as the program gets firmed-up, I will depend on these individuals to assist in many ways. Everyone interested in lending a hand, or a bit of experience and knowledge, is welcome. Although the season for the sailing team is now over, and there are no junior regattas in the near future, I hope that all members will take the time to come and watch our young sailors in action. It's healthy to remember that all of us began by learning basic knots, and to duck quickly when the captain yells tack!

In upcoming publications I will outline the schedule and programs planned for the coming

year and how each member can be a part of this adventure. Please feel free to call me in the evenings or send me an e-mail.

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PUBLICITY

Hello SMSA sailors! I am very pleased to be your Publicity Governor on the 2002 BOG.

As part of my duties, I am the editor of the Yearbook. Bridget McNamara has been appointed our official, unofficial photographer based on the many photos she has taken of race events. Bridget has graciously volunteered to help me compile photos for the yearbook. Cruise Governor Walt Rupp has said he will try to collect photos from the cruise program. If you have any photos you think are worthy of inclusion, please contact Walt, Bridget, or myself.

We always seem to have nice artwork on the cover of our Yearbook. I would like to continue that tradition (although a switch to a photograph is not out of the question). I'm looking for contributions or nominations of cover material, and am open to suggestions. If you have, or are aware, of a piece of art you think is worthy of our cover, get in touch. I am going to form a "cover committee" to help make the final selection.

I'm happy to say that Maggie Weir is staying on as editor of *The Claw*. It's a lot of work and she does a fine job. At the November BOG meeting, Vice Commodore Barbara Herbig volunteered to prepare the monthly calendars for each issue. Thanks to Barbara for stepping up. (Like she doesn't do enough already!)

Many members of the BOG have joined me in expressing an interest in having our club's activities (hosting major regattas, members' race and cruise

accomplishments, etc.) better represented in local media and in sailing publications. I'm requesting that the leader of each event we sponsor or host, appoint someone to gather and/or write a news article about their event. If you are interested in being a reporter or news gatherer, please contact me or the chairperson of the event. To keep things organized and official, please forward any news releases or articles to me. I will be the central person in charge of submitting information to the media on behalf of the SMSA.

By the way, Dave Gendell of *SpinSheet* Magazine has told me there will be a FULL page on the fabulous J/29 North Americans in the December issue. Thanks to Linda Edwards for making sure *SpinSheet* got the scoop!

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

As the year winds to an end I want to take this time to say how much I have enjoyed being the governor this year. I am honored that I was asked to serve a second term. I hope that I can add to the program in the coming year and am anxious to hear any ideas that the membership has for seminars, etc., during our non-sailing season.

The first event that I would like to host in 2002 will be a "High Tea on the High Seas" on January 13 at 3:00 p.m. For those of you who have enjoyed the Aubrey/Maturin stories by Patrick O'Brien, you are familiar with the term "Spotted Dick." "Spotted Dick," a boiled pudding with raisins was one of Jack Aubrey's favorite desserts. I have obtained a copy of a Cookbook/Reader's Companion to the O'Brien series entitled Spotted Dick, which I would like to use. What I propose is a Sunday afternoon High Tea using recipes from

the book. This will be a chance to try what was actually served aboard Her Majesty's Ships during the Napoleonic period and to share tales of our own adventures. The tea will be open to any SMSA member, but I would love for some of our experienced cruisers to come and share some of their offshore experiences with the rest of us "Bay sailors". Hats and gloves are optional! RSVP to Gail Goode. I want to be sure that I have enough for everyone.

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WOMEN'S CRUISE

Due to the timing of the women's cruise this year, I was unable to get the article ready for the November issue of *The Clew*. We were back in time; I was just too relaxed from the cruise to think about getting on the computer! Please excuse the tardiness of the report.

The weekend women's cruise to Battle Creek took place in October this year, which basically guaranteed us beautiful weather and lots of wind. My original plan was to lead the cruise aboard my boat *Mountain Dew*, a wonderful vessel purchased this summer in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. She would have made a perfect companion for Janet and Walt Rupp's *Brigadoon*, as they are both white with green trim. I would have been single handing her. My plan was to arrive before the rest of the fleet and allow them to raft up with me once I pounded the dagger board into the mud. Cocktails were to be served on the quarterdeck of the *Dew* at sunset, followed by a 5-course dinner below. Coffee and brandy sans cigars to follow in the cockpit under the stars.

Alas, when I let the secret out of the bag at the October BOG meeting, a great hue and cry went up from the masses. Barbara Miller stepped in with a generous offer of her boat for the weekend (thank you again, Barbara!). A day or so later I received a phone call and gracious invitation from Janet

Rupp. Janet proposed that I join Charlotte Mahood and herself onboard *Brigadoon* for the weekend. Being the social person that I am, and wanting to get to know both Janet and Charlotte better, I accepted her invitation. (Single-handing can be lonely at times.) Janet was the perfect hostess, insisting that she would handle the food and bedding, and that I was just to come and enjoy myself.

Saturday dawned warm and beautiful with light winds, which quickly died as we proceeded up river. We motored into Battle Creek by mid-afternoon with the winds now on our nose and increasing. After setting the hook, Janet and crew settled down for some serious socializing and wonderful snacks. Janet and Charlotte, being old friends, had many stories to share with the "newbie" on board, and the time flew. Before we knew it, it was dinnertime, and Janet served up salad, soup, and rolls with wine, followed by cake and coffee as we enjoyed a breathtaking sunset. The Canada geese joined us in our anchorage and could be heard all around us. The sky was crystal clear and filled with stars. My final thoughts before sleeping were that I couldn't imagine a more perfect day, or better companions (the "girls," not the geese).

The following morning I was awakened just prior to dawn by the chattering of my companions (geese this time). Janet joined me shortly and we shared our morning cup and some wonderful bacon and pancakes. How Charlotte slept through all the noise is beyond me. Eventually, we pulled anchor and headed back south again. Of course the wind had continued to blow all night, but had shifted and was now on our bow coming back down river. The trip home flew by and before I knew it the cruise had come to an end. After a fabulous docking job by Janet in considerable wind, we quickly loaded the car and headed for home. I was very sad to see the weekend over. I felt that I had made two wonderful new friends and was as relaxed as if I had been away for a week. My only regret is that

more of our ladies did not take advantage of the cruise. Maybe next year...

Gail Goode

SOCIAL

I want to take a moment to send a special "Thank you" to Sandy Leitner for all of her hard work and dedication as Social Governor. Her engaging personality and fun-loving nature made her a natural for this BOG position. Sandy and her Social Committee hosted a number of enjoyable events for SMSA over the past two years and as she passes the torch on to me, I certainly feel as though I've got some big shoes to fill. I look forward to the challenge as well as the opportunity to meet more of the SMSA community in my endeavors as your Social Governor.

Special thanks to Kris Dennie-Young for all of her help with set-up at the planning meeting conducted on November 3. Going into this event we were short on volunteers, but there were many individuals who stepped up to the plate that day...thank you all very much! Also, thanks go out to those members who brought brunch items for everyone to enjoy.

As we embark upon the holiday season, I wish you peace, hope, and joy. May you find yourself surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones. May you find time for reflection as well as the promise of all that life itself can bring.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 8: *Christmas Gathering* at the clubhouse. This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. I am asking that each person bring a "light-fare" plate, hors d'oeuvres, or dessert to share for this event. Hot cocoa and spiced cider along with wine, beer, and sodas will be provided. This year, as in years past, we will have a Christmas ornament exchange. Those who wish to participate should simply bring a gift-wrapped ornament with

you. Please come and join us...this event is sure to help put you in the holiday spirit as you watch the lighted boat parade from atop the hill! Volunteers are still needed for this event. Anyone interested please contact me at 373-8795.

Saturday, January 5, 2002: *SMSA Awards Banquet* at St. Mary's College Great Room.

Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. Included in this issue of *The Clew* is an **invitation** along with an **RSVP** which should be returned **NO LATER THAN December 24, 2001**, as a final head count will be provided to St. Mary's College the week between Christmas and New Year's. The cost for this event is \$30.00 per person. All specific details are contained in the enclosed invitation. Please come and join in on the great food, fun music, and the wonderful company of the SMSA family of friends.

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
bluesky@tqci.net, (301) 373-8795

THE RACER'S EDGE

It's a blustery November Sunday afternoon Frostbiter on the Patuxent River and you, as skipper of PEDAL TO THE METAL are pounding to weather on a port tack when your crew advises you that WEE WILLIE is rapidly approaching you on a starboard tack. You glance at WEE WILLIE and determine that if you are "lucky" you can hold your port tack, pass in front of WEE WILLIE, then tack to cover and gain an advantage over your arch rival. You inform your crew that you are going to attempt to cross in front of WEE WILLIE but they need to be ready for a quick tack in case you are "unlucky" and cannot make it safely (or with at least several inches to spare!). So you continue on port tack...

WEE WILLIE soon appears to be falling off his close hauled course and is rapidly closing on you and clearly is making it more difficult for you to

safely clear him on port tack. You hail as loudly as you can, "Hold your (expletive deleted) course"! WEE WILLIE keeps charging toward you seemingly oblivious to your hails. Finally you take the prudent action and tack to starboard and thus end up in the lee of WEE WILLIE. In your frustration over WEE WILLIE now having the tactical advantage you shout, "Protest," and are sure you have witnesses that WEE WILLIE changed course and ignored your hail to hold its course. You go to the Protest Hearing confident of victory. You lose ... and WEE WILLIE's subsequent victory over you is upheld! Why?

Rule 16 now allows a right of way boat (WEE WILLIE) to change course toward a burdened boat as long as she "gives the other boat room to keep clear". In this situation WEE WILLIE's change of course toward PEDAL TO THE METAL is a smart tactical move because it prevents WEE WILLIE from crossing her bow and gaining a covering position. WEE WILLIE does not interfere with PEDAL TO THE METAL'S ability to safely tack away and thus Rule 16 has not been broken. The bottom line here is that hailing "hold your course" no longer requires the right of way boat to hold its course since a right of way boat can now change course anytime as long as it is safe to do so! So if you are on port tack, think very carefully about trying to cross a starboard tack, right of way boat.

See you on the Racer's Edge... Fred Dellinger

The Judges Respond

Judge Dan Comments:

Read in its broadest context including the final conclusion, I find no errors in the attached article.

Judge Stovy Comments:

Note that the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2001-2004 expand Rule 16. The rule quoted in this month's 'Racer's Edge' is now RRS 16.1. New RRS 16.2 applies to boats crossing tacks or jibes

after the starting signal. The starboard tack boat "shall not change course if as a result the port tack boat would immediately need to change course to continue keeping clear" in the case where the port tack boat is keeping clear before the course change. This limits the ability of the starboard tack boat to "hunt" the port tack boat at the last minute and prevent it from passing ahead of the starboard tack boat. The rules are designed to prevent a right of way boat from "check mating" a keep clear boat that is obeying the rules, and RRS 16.2 accomplishes this for close port-starboard situations both upwind and downwind.

DATABASE

Please send any information changes Bridget McNamara at bmac@chesapeake.net.

SMSA LIBRARY

The author and title listings of the SMSA library are now available at the SMSA website at www.smsa.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the January 2002 issue of *The Clew* will be

Saturday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

E-mail: weirj@radix.net
Snail Mail: Maggie Weir
46013 Rolling Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Barbara Herbig has volunteered to put the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert her to any events that you wish to have included.

CLASSIFIED ADS

DON'T FORGET: You are entitled to three months of **free** advertising in our newsletter. Take advantage of this great opportunity!

FOR SALE: Pearson 32' 1979. Diesel (low-time), North Sails, furling, new dodger and bimini, VHR, knot meter and depth gauge, pressure hot water, shower, stereo/equalizer, full winter cover, sailing dinghy, hauled and painted this year. \$26,000. Berthed at St. Leonard Creek. Call Ken Lawyer. (410) 326-9121. (10-01)

FOR SALE: New 2000 Vanguard Zuma, green hull. Fun boat, great for entry level and intermediate sailors. Price \$2500.00 (new price \$2950). Call Tom Moulds (301) 475-3807 (please leave message) or email at temoulds@hotmail.com. (10-01).

FOR SALE: Cruisair Carry On portable boat air conditioner. Two years old. Like new condition.

Includes hood, air deflector and power cord. Located at Zahnisers. \$525. (6-01)
Ken Thorn
(919) 967-9418, BobbittThorn@msn.com.

40'2" BRISTOL, Custom 40 full-keel sloop, 1983. Polar Blue hull, all-teak interior, blue water cruising inventory. Excellent condition. Westerbeke 4-108. Original owner going trawler. \$104,000. See www.yachtworld.com/scottvail. VA (804) 438-6443; or call "Tommy" Thompson at 301-863-2193. (4-01)

FOR SALE: DESIGNER'S CHOICE, sloop, designed by Sparkman & Stephens. Length 14-10 1/2, Beam 6-1, Draft 5" BD UP, 3' BD DN. Includes sails and trailer. New around 1981, TLC since. \$2,000. Call Rae Thompson at 301-863-2193 or Jay Hanks at 301-373-5474. (2-02)

FOR SALE: Zodiac 9' roll-up inflatable. Very similar to West Marine RU-260. Used only 3 times! Paid over \$ 800. Will sell for \$ 450. Call Bill Moessner (703) 402-8500 or email magicboat@hotmail.com (12-01)

RACE RESULTS

J/29 North Americans Series Results

Standing	Sail #	Yacht	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	TOTAL
1	53237	Jeopardy	Hoyer	1	3	1	4	12	6	7	3	37
2	283	Hustler	Esposito	2	2	5	7	4	7	8	4	39
3	257	Patriot	Whitemore	3	8	20	3	2	3	4	1	44
4	197	Cool Breeze	Liberty	9	7	8	5	5	4	2	5	45
5	63045	Rhumb Punch	Edwards	12	1	10	6	7	5	3	8	52
6	53129	Cheryl Lea	Weeks	6	15	2	1	14	9	10	2	59
7	53448	Joint adVenture	Schneider	5	6	7	8	15	1	9	10	61
8	40445	Kill Shot	Wardwell	7	4	3	10	20	2	10	20	76
9	63314	The Fish	Tovey	20	20	4	2	1	20	1	20	88
10	53303	Tomahawk	Lockwood	8	9	11	14	3	10	20	20	95
11 *	63489	Liverpool Jarge	Glawson	14	17	6	11	20	12	11	7	98
11	53074	Outrageous	Carey	13	10	12	15	12	13	12	11	98
13	53184	Breakaway	Bonser	16	14	9	12	20	20	5	6	102
14	63010	Titillation	Andersen	4	5	20	20	6	8	20	20	103
15	173	<no name>	Raley	15	12	20	9	11	20	13	9	109
16 *	15296	Fastlane	McArdle	10	20	20	13	9	11	20	20	123
16	83412	Wildfire	Bay	17	20	14	16	16	14	14	12	123
18	10	WOW	Davidson	11	15	17	20	13	11	20	20	127
19	63267	Quickdraw	Riesel	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	160

* Wins Tiebreaker

SMSA AWARDS BANQUET 2001 SEASON

Saturday, January 5, 2002
St. Mary's College of Maryland – Campus Center

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner includes the following:

Caesar salad
Fresh garden greens
Chef attended carving station
Seared tuna loin with mango salsa
Beef tenderloin
Oven roasted potatoes
Fresh seasonal vegetables
Sautéed mushrooms
Three cheese lasagna
Assorted rolls
Wine with dinner

Dessert station includes the following:

German chocolate cake
Carrot cheese cake
Assorted fruit pies
Coffee/hot tea

Awards presentation to follow dinner

"Round Midnite" will perform at the conclusion of the awards presentation

Cost for this event is \$30.00 per person
Cost for "spirits" (beer, wine & liquor) for the evening is an additional \$10.00 per person

RSVP by December 24th to 410-326-1326. Make your check payable to SMSA and mail to:

Sandy Leitner

1685 Sollers Wharf Road
Lusby, Maryland 20657

-----Cut and Return with Payment-----

Number of reservations required: _____ Amount enclosed: \$_____

Name: _____ Telephone (h) _____
Address: _____ (w) _____

Names of attendees:



January 2002










Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p>  <p>SMSA Membership Renewals Mailing</p>  <p>New Year's Day Happy 2002!!</p>	2	3	4	<p>5</p>  <p>2001 Annual Awards Banquet @ St. Mary's College 6:00 PM</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>13</p>  <p>High Tea on the High Seas 3:00 PM @ Clubhouse</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Day</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Clew Inputs Due</p>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



December 2001



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>CBYRA Annual Meeting in Richmond</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p> BOG Meeting 7:30 PM @ Clubhouse (Budget Meeting)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Land Acq. Motion Q&A 4:30 PM @ Clubhouse</p> <p> Christmas Gathering 6:30 PM @ Clubhouse</p> <p>SIYC Boat Parade</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p> Clew Inputs Due</p>
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<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25</p> <p> Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p> Special Meeting of the General Membership 7:30 PM - SMSA Land Acquisition Motion Balloting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p> New Year's Eve</p>					