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COMMODORE

A tremendous spread of brunch items, hot oysters, Bloody Marys, and a musical combination of barbershop quartet and folk duet greeted SMSA members to the opening day celebration at the clubhouse. Once again the breakfast burritos (courtesy of the Kangas') were a crowd favorite, along with hot oysters served up by LG Raley and Ollie Kangas. Frank King did a great job in coordinating the formal BOG flag raising ceremony and Walt Rupp led us in prayer. Please thank Laura Comeau for her excellent rendezvous host coordination. Tim Flaherty passed out the 2002 yearbooks (with a Barbara Herbig-designed cover) and also sold SMSA T-shirts (with a Chuck Fadeley design). If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, please contact Tim. Shawn Stanley demonstrated the race committee boat down at the waterside and Walt Rupp led the opening day cruise to St. Leonard Creek.

The Nautical Flea Market will be history as you read this article, but during this event, a commemorative SMSA 30th Anniversary quilt was raffled off. As of Opening Day, \$179 worth of tickets had already been sold.

May really kicks off the busy part of the sailing season with Thursday night small boat racing, Junior racing and weekend training, the multi-week cruise, weekend cruises, adding to the formal weekend racing, and Wednesday night racing already started. Volunteers are still needed for all these events, so please contact the event coordinators if you would like to help.

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SMSA is a volunteer organization and as such its success lies solely with the energy and enthusiasm of its members. If you want to help with any of the various activities, please call or email any of the governors and officers.

SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING APRIL 4, 2002

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:

Barbara Herbig, David Arbuthnot, Walt Rupp, Tim Flaherty, Paul Eubank, Laura Comeau, Shawn Stanley, Dave Pedersen, Linda Kuehnle

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Maggie Weir, John Weir, Jay Hanks, Stovy Brown, Carl Feusahrens, John Herbig and Jeff Kumke

Vice Commodore Barbara Herbig called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary – Linda reported that the e-vote process of the minutes is working fine.

Treasurer – David distributed the SMSA 2002 Budget Progress by Quarter and the SMSA Monthly Budget - 2002. He reported that we are in good shape for expenses versus income. Our financial status is right in line with prior years. The income from advertisements sold for the yearbook has helped strengthen our financial status. David had nothing new to report on the tax service.

Vice Commodore – Barb reported that the Nautical Flea Market will be held on April 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Solomons Firehouse. Items are still needed for the bake sale table and there are tables still available to rent. Donations for the SMSA table are also needed. Peggy Stanley has handcrafted and donated a quilt to commemorate SMSA's 30th year (with Maggie Weir and Kris Young's help) that will be raffled off at the Flea Market. Tickets will go on sale at Opening Day and the winner will be drawn at the end of the Flea Market. Kris Young is the point of contact for the Flea Market. Calvert Marina just informed us that the Cradle of Invasion 2002 sponsored by the Calvert Marine Museum would be happening August 9-11. The clubhouse and junior beach/swale area will be used for various

activities on that weekend. This event may impact our scheduled Crab Feast, Geezer Squeezer Regatta, and the Sunday Junior Program.

Discussion followed and the new dates for these events are: August 17 – Geezer Squeezer Regatta and Crab Feast; August 18 – Sunday Junior Program.

Race – Shawn reported that the Race Circular will be available on Opening Day for pickup and that Chuck Fadeley's design was used for the cover.

Cruise – Walt reported that *Brigadoon* is in the water and she is prepared for the annual Opening Day Cruise. There will be 3 boats joining *Brigadoon* on the cruise to St. Leonard Creek. He also reported that he has invited several guests to our Opening Day Ceremony. Among the guests who may be coming are the people from Solomons West Marine. Walt also added that on Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m. at our clubhouse, David Arbuthnot would host a seminar for people interested in sailing north.

Junior – Dave reported that enough children have signed up for summer sailing camp to extend the season into a seventh week. He also reported that the Bareboat Charter agreements for 6 FJ's have been completed. Everything on the boats is in good condition. Dave presented the charter agreements for approval. The paperwork has been completed by the foundation that accepted Club 420s back in good condition to clear them out from last year's agreement. The newly purchased safety boat will be here next week. Dave still needs a Level I instructor. If you know of anyone who is near certification, he can complete a 4-day course in Edgewater to get certified and be eligible to be an instructor. They would be employed full time for 7 weeks. Dave also invited everyone to watch the high school sailboat races at St. Mary's College on April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come on out and enjoy some great sailing.

Women's – Gail was not in attendance.

Facilities – Dan was not in attendance. It was noted that the outdoor light has been fixed and the shrubs have been trimmed.

Membership – Bridget was not able to attend so she dropped off the information for Laura to

present. Laura reported that Bridget received 2 new applications. The first application is from Charles Hewgley IV, sponsored by Tsai Family. A motion was made to accept the application.

Discussion followed – Walt - In the old days we had someone speak for the applicants. I feel we owe it to the club to have a check and balance system. David suggested applicants write a summary of why they want to join, what type of boat they own, etc. It was noted that specific instructions for application submission and processing are not detailed very well. Stovy suggested the BOG book and membership information be revised to include more process detail. The motion was seconded and the application was approved by voice vote. The second application is from Chris and Colleen Davies, sponsored by Dave Pedersen. A motion was made to accept the application. The motion was seconded and the application was approved by voice vote. Laura also reported that we are about right where we were last year in terms of membership renewals.

Social – Laura reported that Opening Day is all set. We should have plenty of food, as the attending members have been asked to bring a brunch or dessert item to share this year. The entertainment is lined up, Bloody Marys and Mimosas will cost \$1.00 each, and there will be plenty of oysters. Frank King provided a pass down which denotes the order of things for the Flag Ceremony on Opening Day. Frank, as in years past, will be coordinating the ceremony.

Publicity – Tim reported that the yearbooks are finished and will be handed out on Opening Day. He also ordered fifty T-shirts to be sold on Opening Day with the profit going to general funds. Tim also reported that the web page is performing differently because improvements are being made. Please look at the web page and send any comments to Dan Shannon or Stew Buckler. Tim also asked that any news for the *SpinSheet* regarding midweek sailing opportunities should be sent to him.

Old Business –

- SMSA/PRSC – Shawn announced that he did change the race fee this year for non-SMSA participants.

- BOG Book Update – Walt reported that he lost the file and that Barb has sent a new file to him. He hopes to get the files to each BOG member before the next BOG so they can review their duties and establish a pass down log. Walt and Paul will meet to review the existing BOG book to identify what may be missing and where it might be improved before sending out to BOG members.

- Stovy reported for his Facility Feasibility Committee. The committee is continuing to look at properties. They talked to Matt Gambrell about a timeframe when we would need to be out of the clubhouse and the approximate date would be January 1, 2004. Stovy said that the committee is continually updating the presentation they gave at the General Membership Meeting and if anyone would like an updated presentation for any of their meetings, he would be glad to present it.

New Business –

- Policy and Planning Committee – Demographics – Task 2, Walt; Task 3, David; Task 1, P&PC.

Max Munger received demographic information from Stewart but would like the data so that he can manipulate it better. Jim has talked to Stewart and he is willing to work with Max to get the information he needs. Discussion followed about modifying the type of information that is gathered to include more demographic type information in the future. It was noted that this might be something for the P&P Committee to investigate.

- David reported that the financial books need to be audited annually. No one audited them at the end of last year. The books are ready to be audited. Barbara has action to elevate this issue to Jim.

- Shawn said that on April 28, the same day as our Spring Invitational Race, Volvo Racing Boats are racing down Chesapeake Bay. He encourages everyone to come out and see them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Board of Governors Meeting
May 2, 2002
Tentative Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks

Secretary - Status on E-vote of BOG minutes

Treasurer - Financial Report

Vice Commodore - On the water

Race Governor – small boat program status

Cruise Governor

Junior Governor – SMSF charter agreements/
sailing camp instructor

Women's Program Governor – Marcy Series

Rear Commodore - On the shore

Membership

Social – Luau

Publicity

Facilities

Old Business

Tax Status

SMSA/PRSC relationship

New Business

SMSA Audit

SMSA Requirements committee close out

Commodore

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

CRUISE

Our Opening Day festivities were again a very special time to renew friendships from last season, to make new friends and to meet new members. Our hat is off to our Social Governor, Laura Comeau, and her vast crew of volunteers (in this case the BOG and awesome friends) for a well-run Opening Day celebration. The Quartet, with the offering of the Star Spangled Banner as our Opening Day commenced, was a very special treat.

I invite all to look over our race committee boat that was on display to see the fine racing asset that we have at our disposal. I further recommend that all give serious consideration to supporting the Wednesday Night racing program by lending a helping hand by serving as race committee, learning to operate the committee boat and set race marks. Our Race Governor, Shawn Stanley, has informed me that he will welcome all hands.

Our SMSA cruising program got off to a great start. Fortunately, *Brigadoon* was launched before Easter and was ready to lead the Opening Day Cruise. We will provide a separate article on this traditional cruising event in this section with the cruise details.

The Sunday, April 7, seminar on cruising north, chaired by David Arbuthnot, was a well-attended event. Many sailors took advantage of this opportunity to share their cruising expertise or to gain insight on traveling up the coast to Maine. Thanks to all who attended. The snacks at the end of the seminar were good, too!

Please check the operational calendar at the end of this issue of *The Clew* for up-coming May and June cruises. Consider joining us on part of the longer one-week, two-week or three-week combined cruises planned for the end of May and June. For those of you who cannot join us, join Shawn Stanley and Laura Comeau who are leading the Memorial Day cruise. Make your plans to join us now and contact the appropriate cruise leader!

With my Cruise Governorship continuing for only the next five months it is time to look for a new Governor to take up the helm for the future. I have suggested to several SMSA members that they consider assuming this position for the 2003 term. Some of the qualifications I would like to see in this individual are: participation in the cruising program for several years, leadership of at least one cruise, and demonstrated leadership ability - possibly to have been a past BOG member. I think the biggest asset would be enthusiasm for the

SMSA cruising program. I think that a husband and wife team would be ideal, although only one person can hold a specific BOG position.

Please contact me with your comments and suggestions for a better SMSA cruising program.

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**Opening Day (Frostbite) Cruise
April 6-7, 2002
St. Leonard Creek**

The weather for the Opening Day Cruise offered us a chilly weekend, but we went to St. Leonard Creek and Rollins Cove anyway. Although a bit breezy in the bowl of the river near Solomons, up the river past Pt. Patience, the wind from the north was just right for a beat into the creek. *Brigadoon* got underway without any sails hanked on so it was a motor all the way. We dressed in our ski clothes for warmth during the transit as our dodger was in the process of reconstruction and we had no wind-break.

On the cruise were *Windwalker* (Herbig), *Easytime* (Ron and Suzie Williams) and *Brigadoon* (Rupp). We had a marvelous rendezvous on the anchor boat, *Easytime*. as it offered a windbreak from the cool and breezy winds. The Herbig's grand daughter Lisa added a touch of youthful class to this outing. We enjoyed viewing a touch of spring with the blush of green on the hillsides and in the trees. Close to sunset, after several rounds of hors d'oeuvres, we broke up the raft and anchored individually. At twilight, with the wind almost calm, Janet and I hanked on the main sail. The night, as promised, was very chilly. We needed all our blankets and pullover caps to survive the night comfortably. The morning dawned with brisk winds blowing up the river from the south for another beat home.

Our thanks to all the sailors who attended the first cruise of the season so we could have so much fun

chilling out. We look forward to warmer weather on our next cruise.

Jan and Walt Rupp, Cruise Leaders

CRUISE NORTH SEMINAR

About 20 members met at the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon, April 7, to discuss cruising in New England under the chairmanship of David Arbuthnot and Jay Hanks. Also present and extremely helpful was Founding Member John Paradis, who now resides in Rockport, MA and has cruised all over New England for many years. Discussion covered many subjects including when to go, whether it is necessary to go through the night along the New Jersey Coast, fog and the need for radar, where to obtain information, and favorite ports and destinations. Discussion was particularly lively on the need for radar, with Jay feeling that it is essential, while David and John said they had cruised for many years without, and the lack of radar should not hold you back. Cruise books, data books, and charts were available for perusal. Jay had a handout on where to obtain essential information, while David had prepared a handout on *Blue Heron's* favorite destinations and what to find there.

David Arbuthnot

NOTICE TO CRUISERS

If you are planning to participate in the two-week cruise beginning on June 21, we will spend July 3 and 4 in Rock Hall. Because Rock Hall has a big July 4 Celebration, the marinas will not hold slips without a specific reservation and a deposit. Please call Swan Creek Marina immediately, (410) 639-7813, to make your reservation.

Ron Williams.

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to report that there were two new applications for membership this month. Charles Hewgley IV, of Solomons, has been sponsored by the Tsais. Chas has a Columbia 9-6, and is interested in racing. Our second applicants are Christopher Davies and his wife Colleen, sponsored by Dave Pederson. They have a Penguin, and are interested in the Junior Program. Their son Connor (9) is enrolled for the summer program. Thanks to both the Tsais and the Davies' for sponsoring such enthusiastic participants.

There are still some families that have not returned their renewal forms. If you have a friend, crew-member or acquaintance that is procrastinating, please give them a nudge. If I can be of any assistance, please e-mail me.

Bridget McNamara, Membership Governor
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INFORMATION NOTES

Attention Lighthouse Enthusiasts!

The Calvert Marine Museum is seeking donations for "bricks" for the outdoor interpretive center at the Cove Point Lightstation. As you know, the Cove Point Lightstation is now open to the public (via the Calvert Marine Museum bus system), and is building an interpretive center to discuss the history of the Lightstation. You can own a floor paving brick (yes, a red brick!) with your name on it for a donation of \$75.00 or more. Contact the museum director, Doug Alves, at (410) 326-2042 ext.13 for more information on how to "go down" in history!

Did you know that the Administration Building on the Museum property was once a schoolhouse, and

the flagpole nearby was once the mast on the boat used to boat school children to and from school?

Fred Dellinger

Boat U.S. Group Membership

SMSA is again participating in the BoatU.S. Cooperating group program. A full BoatU.S. Association Membership at half price (instead of the regular \$19 annual dues) is available to SMSA members, who note the SMSA Cooperating Group number on their renewals (**GA82233S**), and pay \$9.50. Participation also includes invitations to Private Sales at BoatU.S. Marine Centers. Please contact Barbara Herbig with questions or visit www.BoatUS.com for more information.

SOCIAL

Spring has sprung, fellow sailors, and its time for racing, cruising and all the social gatherings that follow these activities. This year's season kicked off with a wonderful Opening Day on April 6 at the clubhouse. I hope that all in attendance had an enjoyable time surrounded by family, friends and crewmates. Thank you to all of the BOG members for not only co-hosting this event, but for providing an assortment of brunch items to share with the membership. I am especially appreciative to all those members who brought food and dessert for all to enjoy. The plethora of food on the tables was amazing and I doubt anyone left this event hungry!

I would like to thank the array of helpers that made that day a great success. This event could not have run as smoothly without the help of these very special people: Linda & Jerry Kuehnle, Sally Arbuthnot, Bridget McNamara, Annie Novel, Dave Pedersen, Nicki Stanley, Donna Moore, Nettie Harold, Herb Reese, Merrie Ruth Raley, and finally Katie and Ollie Kangas for their "fabulously tasty" breakfast burritos. Additional thanks go to Ollie Kangas and LG Raley for their awesome work as oyster steamers/shuckers – thanks, fellas!

Thanks to Jim and Carl of *Romi* who provided us with the perfect blend of music for our day. I would also like to offer a big round of applause to Frank King for his coordination of the Flag Ceremony – great job once again! Finally, I would like to thank Stu Baldwin and the *Chesapeake Bay Whaling Company* Barbershop Quartet for adding a unique touch to the ceremony.

I appreciate all who continued to offer their help throughout the day, and although I may have not been in a position to use your help this time, I hope to recruit you for assistance in the future.

Upcoming Events

May 4: The Double-Handed Race Rendezvous begins at 4:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Come and enjoy the race results in the company of your SMSA friends over food and drink. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Our Facilities Governor, Dan Schneider, has assembled the new grills and they are ready to cook up your main entrées for this rendezvous. Volunteers are **STILL** needed to host, set-up, and clean up for this event. Please contact me right away if you can help!

May 11: SMSA Open House begins at 10:00 a.m. Stop by the Clubhouse with a friend or interested sailor to learn about our Small Boat Program. Beverages to quench your thirst and chips for munching will be on hand! For further details, please contact Publicity Governor Tim Flaherty at (410)326-8084, tsflaherty@hotmail.com, or Vice Commodore Barbara Herbig at (301)863-3209, j29fnatic@yahoo.com.

June 15: Luau Rendezvous at Zahniser's begins at 4:00 p.m. This event, which historically has been conducted in conjunction with the Marcy Series, has moved this year due to the Delmarva Cruise activities being hosted by Zahniser's that weekend. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, please contact me. More detailed information will be provided in the June edition of *The Clew*.

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PUBLICITY GOVERNOR

SPECIAL ORDER YOUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS NOW! The Chuck Fadeley-designed 30th Anniversary SMSA T-shirts were a big hit on Opening Day. We sold out of most sizes, and I began taking orders for more. If you would like one (or two or three), contact me via email or phone (410-326-8084) and let me know how many, and what sizes. They are available in long or short sleeve. I hope to place the order with the shirt shop by April 23, and should have them by about May 7 or 8. I plan to distribute them on Wednesday nights at Z's, Thursdays at the Wharf and wherever else SMSA meets. I'll collect payment then. The cost is \$12 for short sleeve, and \$17 for long sleeve. Double-extra-large is \$2 more. For those who missed Opening Day, the shirt features a beautiful painting by Chuck of an SMSA-colored spinnaker on the back. On the front breast is a 30th anniversary logo featuring our burgee.

Speaking of Chuck's painting, that same piece of art was used by our Race Governor as the cover of the 2002 Race Circular. Chuck has designed many yearbook covers in the past, and I join Shawn in thanking him for again providing us his talents.

About 80 members picked up their yearbooks on Opening Day, leaving about 100 or so that need to be mailed out. I am trying to get as many as I can to locals I see around Solomons and St. Mary's Co. I will be at the first couple of Wednesday nights at Zahniser's handing them out, too. If you have not gotten your yearbook or your membership cards, make sure you catch up with me at Z's or wherever you see me. Each yearbook we have to mail ends up costing SMSA about \$4 extra so if I can avoid

mailing them, I will. In any event, I will mail out the books not picked up by the last week of April.

I've gotten a lot of nice compliments on our yearbook cover. It was designed and painted by Barbara Herbig, who has done a number of covers for us in the past. Thirty sets of sails represent our 30th Anniversary. Thanks, Barbara!

Many thanks to those who provided pictures for the yearbook. I know some of you wanted them back. The printer returned them to me in a big pile, and I have to sort them out. It may take me a while to figure out what goes to whom, but I will get them back to you!

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SMALL BOAT PROGRAM

The 2002 small boat kick-off meeting was held under beautiful spring skies on Saturday, April 13. New skippers and prospective crew mingled with last year's participants while Keith Jacobs explained the program and schedule. It looks like the small boat program is headed to another year of increased participation, particularly with the high school sailors joining in the fun on Thursday nights.

Get your boat ready now, because the fun begins on May 2. An on-the-water skippers' meeting will be held at 6:30 pm off the Solomons boardwalk. If you can't make it out on the water, you can catch us at The Wharf after racing where you can make fun of our rusty dinghy sailing skills. Contact Keith Jacobs if you have any questions or want to participate.

Watch your *Clew* schedule for our annual summer and fall regattas. As always, the small boat program can use help on the race committee boat

and with crash boats. Contact Keith Jacobs if you want to help.

Watching a race or two from the RC boat or Solomons boardwalk is also a good way for you to determine if small boat sailing is something that you would like to try. Skippers are always willing to take guests out on the water with them, so come dressed to go sailing!

Joe Kubinec, kubinec@erols.com

Small Boat Sailors Report from Antigua

Small boat program participants Tracy and Joe Kubinec spent a week at Club Sunsail Colona on the beautiful island of Antigua earlier this year. The club caters to dinghy sailing enthusiasts, as they have tons of Opti's, Lasers, Laser Picos, Hobie 15's, and windsurfers. They also had a few Sunfish, Sport 16's and Buzz's. Sport 16's are a UK design that is a cross between a Frontrunner and Mobjack. It is a two-person dinghy with a trapeze, roller-furling jib, and sprit mounted asymmetrical spinnaker. The Buzz is another UK design that is very light and very fast. It is a flat, two-person open-transom dinghy, almost like a skiff without trapeze rails that has two wires, a roller furling jib, and an asymmetrical spinnaker on a retractable sprit.

Sailing conditions at the club varied during the week from flat calm seas with just a breath of wind to 26 knots with 4-foot waves! They say that they have these conditions every month between September and July. Tracy took a reefed Laser Pico out for an exhilarating sail when it was blowing 26. She said that it was tough getting through the wind on a tack but the boat was leaping off the waves on a reach. Joe took a full rig laser out but had trouble keeping the boom out of the water. They managed to keep their boats upright, though!

The condition of the equipment was excellent, particularly with the number of guests sailing and

the extremes of sea and wind. The sailing staff was highly motivated and would rig and launch the boats for the guests. The biggest question of the day was whether you wanted them to rig a full or radial rig on your Laser! Crash boats were on the water whenever guests were sailing. When lots of boats were on the water, and when the wind blew, they would have three or four crash boats on station. Sailing lessons were available for every type of boat and skill level. There was never a wait for a boat.

Several regattas were held during the week. Joe muscled a Laser into a Hobie 15 regatta and managed to take first across the line in two out of the three races. Tracy and Joe sailed a Sport 16 in the main regatta of the week, which had almost 50 boats out on the line in a rabbit start where slower classes start first. They managed a first in class and fourth overall. Joe also took 5th in a multi-heat Laser regatta with 30 competitors. Competition was tough as some of the guests were European class and regional champions, but the racing was all for fun and there was no protesting allowed. Competitors were also good about sharing go-fast techniques with those who had not previously raced a particular class of boat. Awards consisted of a bottle of wine.

The Kubinecs brought their sailing gloves, dinghy boots, and trapeze harnesses with them, although there were harnesses on the beach and gloves were available for purchase. If you go, you might consider bringing hiking shorts with you as you can spend up to 8 hours a day out on the water. Sore butts, arms, shoulders, and backs were the norm.

In addition to sailing there was shopping in nearby St. John's City, volleyball, golf, and sunbathing. They had a very large fresh water pool with ten, 25-meter lanes for swimming laps and a separate kids' area. The beaches were small, but adequate for the number of guests. The people of Antigua, both in and away from the resort, could not have been more friendly or accommodating.

The club offers various levels of accommodations, from typical European style hotel rooms to multi-level town homes. Buffet breakfasts and either lunch or dinner are included every day. Most of the guests were from the UK. Young kids appeared to be well looked after by nannies in one of several age-segregated kids-clubs. In fact, parents were complaining that the kids did not want to spend time with them; they preferred to hang out at the clubs! Adults traveling without kids marveled at how they did not see children running amok during the day.

Sunsail has clearly found a formula for an outstanding sailing holiday for the dinghy sailing enthusiast. Contact the Kubinecs if you want to see some pictures of Sunsail's boats and facility. Otherwise, you can find Sunsail information on the web. Joe Kubinec, kubinec@erols.com

JUNIOR PROGRAM

There is so much good news to share it's hard to know where to begin. The Junior Program is on the verge of an incredibly successful season and there are so many people to thank! Let's begin with the brand spankin' new Carolina Skiff safety boat. The boat arrived Saturday afternoon just in time for the small boat program meeting. Those in attendance admired the 16-foot craft with its 15 horsepower, four stroke Honda motor. This boat will benefit all members of the club. I am very grateful to Jim Young for supplying the trailer to pick the boat up from Reedsville, Virginia. Also, a warm thank you to the junior committee for their hard work and determination in getting this new club asset, and congratulations to the BOG for their foresight and wisdom!

The junior camps are now close to full with nearly seven weeks of fun in the sun. We were able to add an additional week to accommodate an overflow crowd of eager young sailors. As of publication time, about one dozen slots remain

open. On Sunday, April 14, Jim Young and I conducted a phone interview with a prospective instructor for the camps. A letter of intent is in the mail and if all goes well, this young Canadian will be coming aboard for a great adventure. And as an added bonus, our new Level One instructor will find a warm welcome as the guest of John and Linda Edwards, who have graciously agreed to host him.

We have also hired three local sailors to fill our two part-time assistant slots. These include Becky Pedersen, Devon Feusahrens, and Teddy Clark. We look forward to working with these responsible young folks.

I also wish to thank Bobby and Sue Cornelius, who allowed the high school program to use their personnel craft as a safety boat. One thing about sailors, you never have to ask twice for a favor. We appreciate their generosity. Finally, don't you just love it when a plan comes together! Thanks to all.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

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

THE RACER'S EDGE

It is finally spring and you, the fearless skipper of PEDAL TO THE METAL, having used the recently completed Frostbite Series to "warm up" your crew, are eager to charge off on the Sharps Island Race. With brisk, steady winds from the Northeast, you and your fleet start the long beat to the Sharps Island Light. About thirty minutes after your start, your PEDAL TO THE METAL and your arch rival, WEE WILLIE, with that miscreant Poulet Poop as skipper, find yourselves on port tack heading toward Taylor's Island on the Eastern Shore. Unfortunately you are several boat lengths behind but to windward of WEE WILLIE. You press onward but keep a sharp eye on the starboard tack boat that is closing on both of you.

Several minutes later you determine that your arch-rival, WEE WILLIE, might have to tack to give room to the right of way starboard tack boat. Your lightning fast brain determines that you should not tack but rather hold your course and pass to the sterns of WEE WILLIE, if she tacks, and the other starboard tack boat. Sure enough Poulet Poop on WEE WILLIE soon hails, "Room to tack at an obstruction!" You respond, "You tack!" and hold your port tack course.

Since the starboard tack boat is closing rapidly on both of you, Poulet Poop begins his tack from port tack to starboard tack. Unfortunately before WEE WILLIE completes her tack Poulet Poop is alarmed by your continuing to hold your course and believes a collision is very possible. Poop therefore puts WEE WILLIE in irons and watches as you sail past WEE WILLIE'S bow and just astern of the starboard tack boat. As you smile and sail onward on port tack you hear yet one more hail from WEE WILLIE, "Protest!"

Confident that WEE WILLIE just screwed up her tack, you go to the Protest hearing anticipating victory. After testimony from all three skippers and other witnesses, you are shocked to find that

the Protest Committee disqualifies you and PEDAL TO THE METAL. Why were you disqualified?

The Protest Committee found that you simply failed to yield "room to tack" to WEE WILLIE" as required by Rule 19.1. Since you told WEE WILLIE to tack, you became the burdened vessel and had to stay clear of WEE WILLIE. Since both Poulet Poop AND the skipper of the starboard tack boat agreed that WEE WILLIE had to put herself into irons to avoid a possible collision with you ... you lose! (Unfortunately for you the Protest Committee didn't buy your story that WEE WILLIE screwed up her tack)

You exit the Protest Hearing room muttering yet one more time about skippers that are nervous Nellies ...

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

DATABASE

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WANTED: Dependable crew for Wednesday night racing and especially weekend racing aboard *Shermax*. Come and join the "fun" crew of last year's "Spirit Award" winner. Prefer some keelboat experience, but we are willing to teach if you are serious about learning. We sail both spinnaker and NS, rain or shine. Max Munger, C30 TRBS #2276 Solomons Island (410) 326-9024 (7-02)

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Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA)

6th Annual SAILING OPEN HOUSE



*Saturday, May 11, 2002
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*



At the clubhouse, grounds, and waterfront
SMSA dock area at Calvert Marina!

*Come see big, small and junior sailboats on
display and learn about what we do!*

SMSA has something for **EVERYONE** from the casual cruiser, to the family racer, (including women's and youth programs). SMSA promotes many on-the-water and on-the-shore events in the area! You do not need to own a boat to participate in SMSA programs! Come sign up for the "Crew List" or "Skipper's List" or just come to share some sailing wisdom.

Come meet the "CREW" at SMSA!

SMSA members needed to "talk" to persons interested in SMSA programs, or just bring their boat around. Pass the word on to friends wishing to learn more about sailing opportunities in Southern Maryland!

SMSA's clubhouse is located at Calvert Marina at the end of Dowell Road, just north of Solomons, turn at Solomons firehouse and follow signs to the waterfront!

For more information, please contact **Tim Flaherty** at 410/326-8084, email tflaherty@hotmail.com or **John Herbig**, at 301/863-3209, email j29fnatic@yahoo.com or visit the SMSA website at www.smsa.com.

SMSA is a Southern Maryland organization promoting sailing to all ages in your community since 1972. SMSA has big boat, and small boat sailing programs for cruising, and racing.

May 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #3	2 BOG Meeting, 1930, Clubhouse Thursday Night Small Boat Races	3	4 Double-handed Race Rendezvous 1600 @ Clubhouse
5 Junior Program Second Sign-up Opportunity 1300 @ Clubhouse	6	7	8 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #4	9 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	10	11 SMSA Open House, 1000 @ Clubhouse Begin Weekend Cruise Begin 1,2,3 Week Cruise
12 Mother's Day End Weekend Cruise	13	14	15 <i>The Clew</i> deadline Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #5	16 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	17	18 Junior Spring Fling Regatta Proctor-Bailey Series Races 1 & 2 Begin Week 2 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise
19 Proctor-Bailey Series Race 3 Mini-Rendezvous End Week One of 1,2,3 Week Cruise	20	21	22 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #6	23 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	24 HS Sailing Program Cook-out	25 Memorial Day Cruise begins Begin Week 3 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise
26	27 Memorial Day End Memorial Day Cruise End Week Two of 1,2,3 Week Cruise	28	29 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #7 Basic HS Spring Practice Ends	30 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	31 Marcy Series Skipper's Meeting 1830 @ Clubhouse Varsity HS Spring Practice Ends	

June 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Marcy Series Races 1 & 2
2 Marcy Series 3 & 4 Mini-rendezvous Junior Sunday #1 1300 End Week 2 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise	3	4 BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse	5 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #8	6 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	7	8 Begin Week 3 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise
9 Summer Invitational Mini-rendezvous End Week 3 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise and Weekend Cruise	10	11	12 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #9	13 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	14	15 <i>The Clew</i> deadline Luau Rendezvous @ Zahniser's
16 Father's Day Junior Sunday Program 1300 (Session One #2)	17	18	19 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #10	20 Thursday Night Small Boat Races Begin Week One of 1,2 Week Cruise	21 Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise to St. Mary's College Begin Week 1 of 1,2 Week Cruise and Weekend Cruise	22 Adult Small Boat and Junior Races @ St. Mary's College Rendezvous, 1600 St. Mary's College
23 End Vice Commodore/Race Cruise Weekend	24 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic)	25 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic)	26 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race # Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic)	27 Thursday Night Small Boat Races Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic)	28 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic)	29 Begin Christmas In July Cruise Begin Week 2 of 1,2 Week Cruise
30 Junior Sunday (Session One #3) End Christmas In July Cruise End Week One of 1,2 Week Cruise						