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COMMODORE

I have a few comments regarding the vote of confidence that you have given me as a result of my election as SMSA Commodore. I appreciate the support of all those that have encouraged me to run for this office and the friendly council of many friends. My membership in SMSA for the last 15 years has been a time of delightful friendships and awesome sailing experiences, including the race committee boat ride several Wednesday nights ago when the race was abandoned due to safety considerations. That was an experience to be long remembered.

I believe that everyone has a mission in life and that each of us is on a search for fulfillment. Part of that mission is to leave a legacy of friendship and knowledge. I think that SMSA is an embodiment of these ideals. We provide an environment for the realization of these concepts through all of our programs and with the gifts of time and talent from SMSA members and friends. Our various programs are most successful with the positive cooperation of all that support these efforts. I ask that every one of you that are challenged with the continued operation of these programs or is involved in the

development of new concepts for SMSA use a win-win approach.

With respect to dues, I believe that a modest dues increase is warranted. We will need to reevaluate the cost verses income of the various programs and the impact of the motions just passed. The 2002 Board of Governors has discussed these topics at length with varying degrees of agreement. SMSA members will need to determine the value added of a particular program with respect to its member supported costs. The extent of the various programs will be better defined after the planning meeting on November 2. I hope to see many of you at the clubhouse on that date.

In the near future, the membership will have the opportunity to review the new Board of Governors recommendations and provide steering commands. We plan on making some changes to the operation of SMSA and by-laws that will require member consent. The 2003 BOG will consider these changes and vote on them during the November meeting. We will then initiate the 60-day cycle to provide these changes for your approval.

I am also happy to report that the tie for Facilities Governor has been resolved. In an impromptu 2003 BOG meeting following the last 2002 BOG

meeting, we interpreted the tie as leaving the Facilities Governor position vacant (thanks, John Walker). With two vacancies in the 2003 BOG and with nine members of the 2003 BOG present, we appointed Carl Feusahrens as the Facilities Governor and Jay Hanks as the Membership Governor. Welcome Carl and Jay to the 2003 BOG!

I would like you to consider these thoughts. SMSA is a volunteer organization bound together with the love of activities on the water and our many friendships. Let us always put a positive spin on our discussions and dialogues with each other and look for the best in every situation. In this manner, we can strengthen our organization and ourselves and continue to make SMSA one of the leading sailing organizations on the Chesapeake Bay.

My door is always open for comments and discussion. I will endeavor to answer all emails and telephone calls. This is your organization; please do not hesitate to share your ideas with me or with other members of the BOG.

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VICE COMMODORE

Volunteers have had a tremendous impact on the success of SMSA programs. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the SMSA members for this support over the last year. Every little effort that each volunteer makes furthers the sport and the promotion of sailing. The gift of time, energy, or just plain encouragement is what it takes to make each year a success. If you know of someone who has taken time to volunteer, please take a minute to express your appreciation.

A gentle reminder to anyone who may still have a perpetual trophy at home, please return them to the trophy case in the clubhouse as soon as possible so we don't have to come looking for you!

Kind Regards,
Barbara Herbig, Vice Commodore 2002

Hi! Thanks for using your voice as an SMSA member and voting on the issues and election in the SMSA ballot. Even though the 2002 season is coming to a close, plans for 2003 are already in the works. I have been busy this month ramping up and getting ready for the planning meeting on November 2. Thanks to Barbara for passing on the Operational Schedule from 2002. Initial plans are to keep a similar schedule and shift what is necessary. If you are interested in being involved in next year's scheduling process please attend the meeting. This is also the official change over from the 2002 to the 2003 BOG, and our Social Governor has a great brunch planned. Volunteers are always needed, so contact Laura to help with the brunch, a member of the BOG directly to help with a specific program, or myself to help with any of the on-the-water programs. Please remember that this club does not run by itself, and we need your help as a volunteer to make all of our events successful.

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PUBLICITY

If you haven't seen it already, try and pick up a copy of the October *Sailing Magazine*. You will find a two-page spread on the 2002 Screwpile Regatta. This marks the second time in three years that a national sailing magazine has featured this event. (The other time was two years ago, when *Sail* had several pages devoted to Screwpile.)

Even though it's only fall, I already have had a member give me a package of pictures for next year's yearbook. All submissions are welcome, but it's best if you give me prints that I don't need to return. Contact me via email with any questions.

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SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2002

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:

Jim Young, Barbara Herbig, David Arbuthnot, Walt Rupp, Bridget McNamara, Shawn Stanley, Laura Comeau, Paul Eubank, Tim Flaherty, Gail Goode, Linda Kuehnle

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Clarke McKinney, Don Behrens, Jeff Kumke, Max Munger, Jim Keen, Maggie Weir, John Weir, John Herbig, Jay Hanks, Charlotte Mahood, Carl Feusahrens, John Walker, Lynn Walker

The Vice Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

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

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that the 2001 taxes have been paid. The SMSA 2002 Budget Progress Report for 01/01/02 through 10/03/02 was distributed. Several questions were raised regarding the report, which were answered and discussed. The Treasurer also reported that there were no significant changes from the last meeting.

Vice Commodore – The Vice Commodore had nothing to report.

Race – The Race Governor made a motion to ask L. G. Raley to run the 2003 Screwpile Regatta. The motion was voted on and passed.

Cruise – The Cruise Governor reported they continue to cruise along. A great time was had by all on the one-week cruise to Baltimore. He asks that everyone check *The Clew* for the remainder of this year's cruises.

Junior – The Junior Governor was not in attendance.

Women's – The Women's Governor reminded everyone that the Women's Cruise is scheduled for this weekend.

Rear Commodore – The Rear Commodore had nothing to report.

Membership – The Membership Governor reported she has 6 Junior Membership Applications sponsored by Stovy Brown to be voted on. The names of the applicants are: Taylor Woodburn, Adam Sanders, Michael Greenwell, James Baker, Jacob Hall and Kaitlyn Likas.

Motion by the Membership Governor was made to approve all 6 applications.

Results: The motion was voted on and passed.

Motion by the Membership Governor was made to approve the Application for Membership form #1.

Results: The motion was voted on and passed.

Social – The Social Governor reminded everyone of the Chili/Oyster Scald rendezvous scheduled for October 20 following the Fall Invitational Race. She is also having a brunch following the November planning meeting on November 2.

Publicity – The Publicity Governor reported there is an article on Screwpile 2002 in the October issue of *Sailing Magazine*. It includes the SMSA and Screwpile website addresses, and hopefully this will have a positive effect on membership inquiries and Screwpile participation.

Facilities – The Rear Commodore reported that the combination to the clubhouse needs to be changed. The combination change will be given to all authorized people. Also the Mill Creek Condo Association will be using our clubhouse on November 9.

Old Business

- J-29 Regatta

The Vice Commodore reported that plans for a J/29 Regatta on October 26-27 are coming together. Keith Jacobs has volunteered to be the Principal Race Officer. We have at least 2 potential support boats (this is not including the SMSA safety boat). There are 20-30 SMSA volunteers already signed up to help. There are at least five J/29 class members who have volunteered. The class worked with Matt Gambrill to keep as many boats as possible at Calvert Marina. The next regatta

meeting will be Tuesday, October 15 at Nicolletti's.

Discussion: The Social Governor reminded the BOG that we have not yet voted on the hosting of the J-29 event. She pointed out that early in this BOG's tenure and in the wake of the Albacore Nationals, THIS BOG instituted a policy stating that all regattas to be hosted by SMSA must receive BOG approval. Prior to the BOG's consideration and vote, a Principal Race Officer (PRO) must be identified and a general plan for the regatta must be presented. The Social Governor believes that the BOG's consideration and vote at this late point in time, a mere three weeks before the regatta, is being treated more of a formality instead of a procedure established as a BOG safeguard to ensure that SMSA does not host sub-par events.

Motion: A motion was made to hold the J-29 Regatta on October 26-27.

Result: The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote with 9 ayes, 1 against and 1 abstain.

- BOG Book Final Review

The Cruise Governor reported that there are a couple items missing from the appendices. He commended Laura Comeau for formatting the document. He has decided to accept the document the way it is and will make it available for the incoming BOG.

- P&PC Final Report was delivered to the BOG.

-Fiscal Year Transition Committee Final Report was delivered to the BOG.

New Business

- Welcome New BOG

The Commodore welcomed the new BOG.

- Changes to Bylaws: Solving Ties in Elections

There is no procedure in the bylaws for breaking a tie in an election. The new BOG needs to implement a change in the bylaws.

- Planning Meeting Preparation

There will be a planning meeting in the clubhouse on November 2 at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting the schedule for the upcoming year will be reviewed and adjusted. A brunch will follow the meeting. Please remember that we are a volunteer organization and we need your new ideas for the new schedule.

Commodore's Closing Remarks

I want to thank everyone for this year. I appreciate all your hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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**BOG SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2003 Board of Governors Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2002-7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks - Meeting focus-
committee development

Secretary –

Minutes of 2003 BOG meeting of October
3, 2002 (record of actions)

Treasurer – Financial Report - Status of turn over

Vice Commodore - On the water

Calendar preparation/presentation

Race Governor – Program discussion,
calendar changes

Cruise Governor- Program discussion,
calendar changes

Junior Governor – Program discussion,
calendar changes

Women's Program Governor – Program
discussion, calendar changes

Rear Commodore - Ashore

Membership - Status

Social – Plans for November 2 Planning
Meeting

Public Relations - *SpinSheet* input?

Facilities- Status

Old Business -

Welcome Carl and Jay

New Business -

Calendar changes summary - Vice

Commodore

2003 Budget Development

Commodore

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2003 Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2002- 7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks - Calendar Review
Committee Development
Mission Statement Development

Secretary –

Status on E-vote of BOG minutes for
October 26

Treasurer – Financial Report –

FY 2002 cost to complete

Vice Commodore - On the water

Results of Planning Meeting
Race Governor – Joint Race/Cruise
Programs
Cruise Governor- Joint Race/Cruise
Programs
Junior Governor – Program Plans
Women's Program Governor – Program
Plans

Rear Commodore - Ashore Programs

Membership -
Social – Plans for Awards Banquet
Publicity –
Facilities-

Old Business

Calendar changes as a result of the
Planning Meeting
By-laws changes for 60-day cycle

New Business -

P&PC New Chair - Some thoughts
2003 Budget Development

Commodore

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

RACE

As the incoming Race Governor, I want to first thank everyone for the vote of support during the election and for coming out to the General Meeting. I have just returned from working at the US Boat Show in Annapolis. It was inspiring to see the crowd making purchases that will affect their future sailing plans. The crowd included many SMSA members. As usual, there were new boats, equipment, and ideas that people toured, inspected and collected. Several members came by the Quantum Sail booth to take a break from the show to discuss next year's plans. This was encouraging and I hope that each of you have a chance to reach me to discuss your ideas or concerns for SMSA Racing.

I am just starting to get ideas together to make plans for the racing program. Some of the issues that have been discussed recently pertain to the quantity, quality, and schedule of races. It was unfortunate that some races were cancelled recently, and this raises several issues. Are there not enough volunteers to run the current schedule of races? Would the races have been run on a different schedule? Are there too many races or weekends tied up in the program? Or is everything going fine for the size of the current SMSA membership? I will be talking with members in the near future trying to get some viewpoints, but I want to continue a program that provides quality racing for the members and their invited guests.

The scheduling meeting is upon us so quickly that many ideas can't and won't make it into next year's schedule. I hope that time allows me to stay associated with the race program long enough to institute some of the changes that will be discussed in the coming days, months, and beyond.

Would you like to participate in races where there are boats that all rate close to yours? Not enough crew for your 35-footer? Is your boat set up for

racing to an overnight anchorage, then back the next day? Does a long series encourage or discourage you from coming out? Why do you have to stay out until midnight to finish a 35-mile race? Perpetual trophies, is it time to retire ones in disrepair? Would a new trophy encourage more participation? Who do all those cruising boats belong to and why don't the racers raft up with them? As you can tell there are issues that might need some attention. I want to hear from you soon, maybe at the Annual Planning Meeting.

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SMALL BOAT

6th Annual Small Boat Invitational September 21-22, 2002

The 6th Annual Small Boat Invitational recently concluded over a beautiful, breezy, late September weekend. Thirty-five boats, ranging from Chesapeake, VA, to Havre de Grace, MD, to Westlake, OH, made the journey to Solomons, MD, to take advantage of the superb racing conditions on the Patuxent River. Mother Nature did not disappoint, as racers were treated to steady breezes ranging between 6-11 knots, occasionally gusting to 15 knots, under warm, sunny skies. SMSA sailors acquitted themselves well over the course of the two-day event.

The Lightning class dominated the event, sending 15 boats to the starting line. The excitement of one-design racing was present from the first race on Saturday through the last race on Sunday. Crowded starting lines, tight mark roundings, and close finishes epitomized the two-day regatta. When it was over, Don Behrens skippered himself to a fifth place finish while Dave Meiser finished ninth in the highly competitive class. It is interesting to note that only 7 points separated second place from eighth place.

The Interlake fleet displayed some of the closest finishes throughout the regatta. John and Barbara Herbig sailed *Gingerbread Man* to a respectable fourth place finish.

The Mobjack fleet had a little last minute juggling to match up sailors and boats. In the end, Joe Kubinec put forward a dominating effort to win the class. What more can be said of a performance in which his throw-out race was a first place finish?

The Portsmouth fleet saw tight racing all weekend, but in the end, it was Clarke McKinney sailing his Laser to victory (via tiebreaker) over Smitty Smith and his Front Runner. Tom Moulds, sailing another Laser, gave SMSA a clean sweep of the top three positions within this class.

Within the Multi-hull class, Jeff and Donna Moore, aboard their Hobie 16, took second place, just missing first place through a tiebreaker.
(A complete accounting of the event can be found under Race Results)

SMALL BOAT PROGRAM 2002 SEASON CONCLUDES

The Small Boat Program has now reached the end of the 2002 season. It's just about time to button-up the boats for the winter, plan the off-season projects, and begin thinking about the Christmas wish list. From my perspective, as the Coordinator, it was a very good year. Participation in the Thursday night races remained high while the 6th Annual Invitational drew 35 boats. Race committee volunteers quickly filled all open dates and their efforts were smooth and well executed.

Here are some interesting facts from the year gone by:

Participation

- There were 18 weeks in the season -3 weeks were cancelled due to severe weather; 1 week was abandoned due to lack of wind.
- Attendance -Nobody had perfect attendance, however, Don Behrens made it out 14 weeks.

- John and Barbara Herbig and Jeff Kumke made it out 13 weeks.
- Dave and Jacki Meiser made it out 11 weeks.
- There were at least 38 different skippers/boats combinations.

Racing

- There were as few as 4 and as many as 19 (twice) racers on any given evening.
- Wind speed ranged between a low of 1 knot and a high of 14 knots; the average is approximately 7 knots.
- There were 79 starts - As few as 1 and as many as 3 classes starting on any given evening.
- Race Committee recorded 503 race results - There were 21 different types of boats racing on the river.
- Race Committee - Tim Flaherty volunteered for RC on 3 occasions. Thea Noll volunteered for RC on 2 occasions. There were at least 5 "regulars" who volunteered on RC, but did not race this year - Carol Smith, Sam Smith, Denise Kleber, Bridget McNamara, and Dave Pedersen.
- Race Committee was pulled over by Maryland DNR 1 time (because the racers were still on the water at dusk)
- There have been 0 protests filed – ever.

The success of the 2002 season is directly attributed to too many people to mention in this small space. Of course, there were the racers and their crews who came out each week. It was great to see the Junior Program periodically bring the FJ's around from the harbor. The Wharf provided great facilities and food/beverage specials each Thursday night. Of course, none of the racing would be possible if it were not for the selfless efforts of the RC volunteers. I owe you a big THANK YOU for making my job easier and the racers THANK YOU for letting them enjoy a season of sunsets on the Patuxent River.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on the water in Spring 2003.

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CRUISE

My review of our cruising activities for the year 2002 brought to light some interesting statistics. We have had 33 boats participate in the various cruises so far. Of these boats, there are nine that already qualify for the cruising burgee with 35 or more cruise points to their credit. These boats are: *Blue Heron, Brigadoon, Deshandra, Easytime, Lynn-Dee, Nimue, Patriot, Serenity and Swan.*

The SMSA 2002 cruising schedule for November closes with the following events:

- Frost Bite Cruise to Horse Shoe Bend, St. Mary's River (Hamilton) November 9-10
- Frost Bite Cruise to Mill Cove, Cuckold Creek (Aptor) November 9-10

The double dates for the last cruise of the season are for both the Potomac Sailors and the Solomons Sailors, as the Bay could be very choppy, wet and cold in November. These locations provide for a local destination on either the Potomac or the Patuxent Rivers. Wear your snuggies and come out and join us, as we hope to have a great list of boats in these final cruise articles!

On the subject of cruise points earned this season, I have again filled in, to the best of my knowledge, the cruise point matrix as of October 15. I ask that all cruise leaders and cruisers who have sailed in the 2002 cruising program check for the listing of their boats' participation in the various cruises and assure that the dates and points awarded are indeed correct. I also ask that the long distance cruisers contact me in the next few weeks so that I can

prepare the inputs for the 1,000 Mile Award Plaques. I have five inputs as of October 15. The updated cruise point matrix is included in this issue.

If there are any additional qualifiers for the 1,000-mile Cruiser Award for 2002, please notify me. Currently, *Brigadoon*, *Easytime*, *Magic Oenghus*, and *Serenity* are qualified.

As I conclude my tenure as the 2002 Cruise Governor, I want to thank all the cruise leaders and cruisers that have participated in the 2002 cruising program and made it the success that it has been. I am handing the tiller over to John Walker to begin another lively cruising season in 2003. Please support him as you have supported me for the last two years.

Please contact John Walker if you have any comments, suggestions or questions on our SMSA Cruising Program for 2003. jpwalkerjr@erols.com, (301) 872-9381.

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ONE-WEEK CRUISE NORTH

Saturday was a bright sunny day with winds out of the south at 10-12 knots. As Sharpes Island became visible, so did 200 or so little white dots. As we got closer it was apparent we were looking at racers going into the Choptank. *Cat Morgan* (Nikki and Jack Goodman), who passed behind us at N10, was participating in the NASS (Saturday) and in the 42nd Annual Hammond Memorial (Sunday) ending at the Tred Avon. This particular race is known for its breakfast punch and I have it on good authority that "punch" doesn't begin to describe it. *Cat Morgan* placed 3rd in their multihull class. Arriving at Dunn Cove we discovered an established raft with other boats anchored nearby, including: *Brigadoon* (Janet and Walt Rupp), *Calypso* (Rita and Frank Gerred), *Easy Time* (Suzie and Ron Williams and Tipper), (*Easy Time* will be heading south for the winter),

Gusto (Lynn and John Walker), *Mayflower* (Anna and Paul Grisso), *Njord* (Elaine and Jay Green), *Patriot* (Mary and Jay Hanks), *Quintet* (Lois and Gene Norris), *Rigel* (Marc DeLaVergne and guest Cheri Norris), *Serenity* (Dottie and Curt Hamilton and grandchildren Lauren and William), *Swan* (Ellie and Ken Mowbray), and *Morning Star* (Terri and Rick Farman). Happy Hour was in progress on the Gerreds' new 37-foot Jeaneau, *Calypso*. Awesome boat -- Rita and Frank were beaming with pride.

Sunday brought us another beautiful day with winds again out of the south at 10-12 knots. As we came into Sillery Bay on the Magothy River we found *Brigadoon* anchored behind Dobbins Island. At Happy Hour, Ken Mowbray brought a copy of his new book *Chance the Tide* for everyone to see. The book discusses Ellie and Ken's trip down the ICW from the standpoint of what they didn't know and what they did differently the second time around. (The book will be on sale at the boat show with Ken personally signing copies and again at our planning meeting November 2.)

Later in the afternoon *Lynn Dee* (Marilyn and Jerry Eastwood), and *Cat Morgan* (Nikki and Jack Goodman) arrived. In the evening we were rewarded by a beautiful moonrise sparkling over the river. By early morning we were rewarded with a big wind shift to the north – nobody dragged! Monday saw winds out of the north gusting to 20. Everyone elected to stay at Dobbins Island. Many of us explored the area by dinghy. *Cat Morgan* hosted a Happy Hour.

Tuesday we departed at 0700 with winds 8-10 knots out of the north. Baltimore Inner Harbor was our destination. Bill and I took time to swing by the red, white and blue buoy just inside the Route 695 bridge over the Patapsco River. For those of you who don't know, this buoy marks the position of the ship that held Francis Scott Key prisoner and is also where he composed the Star Spangled Banner. *Serenity* rejoined us after returning the grandchildren to their parents. *Mayflower* also rejoined us, along with *Iron Thunder* with Kendra

Palmer and Ed. Happy Hour was held on the dock with everyone going his or her separate way later. We did discuss a change of schedule for Thursday, as the weather was looking particularly threatening thanks to tropical storm Isadore.

Wednesday, *Gusto* and *Mayflower* decided to head home. *Swan* decided to spend a few days on the Wye River and join us St Michaels. Bill and I enjoyed the Pacific Seahorse exhibit at the Baltimore Aquarium. The kelp seahorses were fascinating. Other popular destinations included the B&O Railroad museum, the IMAX theatre, and the local ice cream parlors.

Thursday, we all left the Inner Harbor with destinations of Annapolis and the Rhode River. Winds were out of the northeast at 12-15 knots gusting to 20. We had a fantastic reach down the bay at 7.5 knots with only a jenny. With the threatening weather, most wanted to be on the western shores and closer to home. *Iron Thunder* went all the way home to Chesapeake Beach and *Cat Morgan* went to Annapolis. The rest of us arrived at the cove near High Island on the Rhode River in late afternoon in a steady rain. At Happy Hour we celebrated Walt Rupp's birthday with a delicious cake baked by Janet.

Friday, we lay at anchor awaiting the predicted severe thunderstorms with possible tornadoes. It was the only time I can remember pulling out the reserve anchor and having it ready just in case. *Lynn Dee* elected to go into Galesville and take a slip. Happy Hour was held on *Deshandera*, much to Bill and Charlotte's surprise. Everyone decided, since we didn't have a dinghy, that they would come to us. The bad weather never really materialized, at least in our well-protected anchorage.

Saturday, *Deshandera*, *Serenity*, and *Lynn Dee* headed home. Once again, the winds were behind us out of the North at 12-15 with gusts to 20. We made Solomons in 5 hours with jenny alone. The remaining cruisers went off to the Oxford area to rejoin *Swan*. The Oxford bound fleet had a short,

but exciting beat up the mouth of the Choptank. *Rigel* sponsored Happy Hour on Plaindealing Creek. By sundown the wind died completely and the Milky Way was clear and bright, making for a nice night after an eventful day. All in all, it was the best sailing we have seen in a long time.

Charlotte Mahood and Marc DeLaVergne
Cruise Leaders

WOMEN'S CRUISE to ISLAND CREEK OCTOBER 5 and 6, 2002

We had a successful Women's Cruise with 4 sailboats, and 14 women, age 4 to 69 years.

The light wind was coming from the north and we were trying to sail north, so we motored to Island Creek on the Patuxent River. *Brigadoon* was the anchor boat and we stayed rafted for the night, assuming we would have a calm night.

Happy Hour was a gourmet sight for hungry sailors. Put 10 homemakers together, each with an hors d'oeuvre and you want for nothing else. The hors d'oeuvres kept coming to *Brigadoon's* cockpit until we had to keep the platters of food elevated and moving because there was no room to put them down. We had food platters on the closed companionway, on the cockpit table, and on our laps. Happy Hour started at 4:00 p.m. and carried on until 8:30 p.m. Charlotte and Janet brought salmon, chicken and a salad for the entire raft for dinner, so we just kept visiting and eating. Maggie Weir prepared a birthday cake, chocolate with raspberry and chocolate icing for her daughter, Peggy. Almost everyone had seconds! What can I say! We heard thunder in the distance, but never saw rain.

Windwalker (Phyllis, Barbara, Lisa, Ashley, and Laura Herbig) went to Stoney's for dinner. A pirate (John Herbig) came out to *Windwalker* to confiscate Barbara's purse (forgotten in the effort to get everyone safely aboard the dinghy). Ashley went home with John and another pirate (Andrew Herbig) joined the raft.

Margarite brought to the anchorage Kim Blodnikar, Peggy and Beckah Stanley. *Deshandera* had Charlotte Mahood, Lorraine Dawkins, Maggie Weir, and Mary Ellen Shepherd aboard. *Brigadoon* had Janet Rupp and Rose Marie Tiede aboard.

Now if you observe the names of the sailors closely, you will realize the Women's Cruise had a "first". This is the first time two families of three generations have attended the Women's Cruise. The Herbig family and the Weir/Stanley family were three generations each.

The wind piped to 20 knots at about 4:30 a.m. and Charlotte and Janet lost some sleep during an anchor watch. Finally, a little after 5:00 a.m., the wind subsided enough to once again trust the anchor to hold its ground.

Sunday morning the sun came up and the wind subsided considerably. The children tossed bread to a few gulls, but soon there were at least 40 gulls gyrating in their beautiful flying patterns to dine on the left over bread. A lazy, comfortable Sunday morning soon passed into the noon hour. It was time to break the raft and sail home. With promises of "same time next year" we parted, having had a wonderful cruise.

Janet Rupp and Charlotte Mahood, Cruise Leaders

November 9 Frostbite Cruise/Rendezvous to Cuckold Creek

We will raft up to a dock for the night on Cuckold Creek (just up the river from Solomons) on Saturday afternoon, November 9th. Folks can come by water or land. We will have a frostbite party from 4:00 pm to whenever on and around the dock.

Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. We will supply ice, coffee and picnic tables.

Directions by water: Go up Cuckold Creek about ½ mile from Clarks Landing. The house is on the starboard side going up creek (Half Pone Point). It

will have an American Flag flying from the end of the dock. The house is a cream-colored ranch with green trim and a screened in porch. It is the middle dock of a group of three. The first dock has a 6' white lighthouse model at the end of the dock. Walter Rupp's boat will probably be the first at the dock.

Directions by land: from 235 go up the road to Soderly Mansion (turn at Birchmart), Right at Steer Horn Neck Rd., Right at Half Pone Point Rd. House is on the right (24302 Half Pone Point Rd. Sign at house will say Davis. Call Marc Apter for further information: (cell) (301-904-3690)

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Hello SMSA sailors. I am very excited about being your Women's Governor for the coming 2003 season. A committee has been formed and several ideas are in the planning stages. Members of the committee are Maggie Weir, Peggy Stanley, Barbara Herbig and Janet Rupp. We have the young, in between, and senior sailors representing racers and cruisers. If you would like to participate please e-mail me.

We will definitely have a seminar on Racing Rules conducted by Dan Trammel and Stovy Brown; Protest Procedures presented by Barbara Herbig, Frequent Fouls (Protest) again presented by Barbara Herbig; and a condensed Boating Safety Class being taught by Frank King.

Just a word about the Boating Safety class - the Coast Guard requires everyone whose birthday falls after 1972 to have taken a safety class if operating any type of boat with an engine. How many of you have taken this class? Frank will teach an 8-session class instead of 16 sessions so lets have a great turn out. Dates to follow.

If we have sufficient interest in CPR or Basic First Aid, classes will also be offered. Cruising seminars, guest lecturers, both racing and cruising,

are being entertained.

I am anxious to hear any and all ideas the membership might have for training etc. If you do not e-mail me, I can't plan them.

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MEMBERSHIP

The new Membership Governor is Jay Hanks, a Founder and Charter Member, Member Emeritus, past Facilities, Cruise and Race Governor and Commodore as well as frequent Chairmen of the Policy and Planning Committee. For membership matters, please contact Jay at his yearbook addresses or via email at njhanks@hotmail.com.

Bridget McNamara, Membership Governor 2002
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SOCIAL

Hi Sailors! Fall is here and with it comes winds of change. As many look to participate in the remaining sailing and social events of the 2002 season, the new BOG is already in the throws of planning for 2003.

Upcoming Events

November 2 – Annual Planning Meeting Brunch. This brunch will be held at the conclusion of the Planning Meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Members are encouraged to attend and are asked to bring a food, snack or dessert item to share. Hot and cold beverages will be on hand for this event. Volunteers are still needed to help with set up and clean up for this event. If you can lend a hand, I'd love to hear from you!

December 14 – Christmas Gathering begins at 4:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Come and enjoy the

company of your fellow sailors at this festive gathering. Our decorated clubhouse, food offerings from members, and hot cider will help put you in the Christmas spirit. Once again, we will be conducting an ornament exchange and I hope to have increased participation this year. Picking out a special ornament can truly be a treat ...almost as fun as receiving one! Please contact me if you would like to help with decorating, set up or clean up -- the more the "merrier"!

Please note: The SIYC Boat Parade is scheduled for December 7 and unfortunately does not coincide with our event this year. Due to other clubhouse activities scheduled on December 7, we were unable to change the date of our event.

I hope to see you at one or both of these events!

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Friday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m.

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If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you should receive an email acknowledging receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact *The Clew* editor.

Shawn Stanley will be putting the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert him to any events that you wish to have included.

THE RACER'S EDGE

Several SMSA members have commented to me that Poulet Poop, the technocrat skipper of *Wee Willie*, always wins his protests. Some have even suggested that I allow YOU, as the fearless skipper of *Petal to the Metal*, to at least periodically win a protest. So in the interest of fairness and balance, read on.

It's one of the last Wednesday night races of the season, and the good breeze from the West and the course selected by the Race Committee require the racing fleet to finish the race from the East side of the finish line, thus all racing boats must beat to the finish line. After a long hard race, you and your intrepid crew aboard *Petal to the Metal* are still in the hunt, and are in a boat for boat race with your archrival, *Wee Willie*. Both of you are approaching the finish line on a starboard tack beat, (and thus heading directly for the committee boat at anchor at the starboard end of the finish line). Since you are to leeward, but slightly ahead of *Wee Willie*, you are the right of way boat. You continue to charge toward the finish line hoping to keep your bow just ahead of *Wee Willie*.

However, Poulet Poop, aboard *Wee Willie*, seems to be getting a better wind from his position just above you, so he grinds away at your small lead and may even drive over you to finish ahead. You check to be sure that you can clear the race committee boat (as it is bad form to collide with the committee boat). You decide you can clear, and then decide to luff up into the wind at the finish line in order to inch your bow forward to cross the line just ahead of *Wee Willie*. As you and *Wee Willie* close on the finish line, you luff up, shout, "coming up", to *Wee Willie* who responds immediately by also luffing up toward the committee boat. You edge your bow ahead and get the finish gun just ahead of that scumbag Poulet Poop! Victory at last for you and *Petal to the Metal*.

However, as you sail away from the finish line you hear Poulet Poop shout, "Protest!" You can't believe your ears, but go to the protest hearing confident you had luffing rights.

At the hearing Poulet Poop claims you failed to give him room as an overlapped same tack boat as required by Rule 18.2 (a). Since the committee boat is part of the mark at the finish line and thus an outside boat, *Petal to the Metal* must give room to an inside boat, *Wee Willie*. Poulet Poop further claims that your last second luff forced him to nearly collide with the Race Committee boat. You defend yourself as best you can (but you are not a sea lawyer like Poulet Poop) and wait for the Protest Committee's findings with dejection.

After much deliberation, and several rounds of beer, the Protest Committee rules that you as skipper of *Petal to the Metal* did NOT violate Rule 18.2 (a) or any other rule since you were the leeward right of way boat. You DID give *Wee Willie* sufficient time and room to luff up without colliding with the Committee Boat. (*Wee Willie* did safely luff, and he did not collide with anyone).

Happy Days! You and your crew aboard *Petal to the Metal* finally win a protest and get to drink a victory beer. Poulet Poop slinks off quietly mumbling something quite unprintable about the ancestry of Protest Committees.

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

DATABASE

Please send any information changes to Stewart Buckler at sbuckler@olg.com.

SMSA LIBRARY

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

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



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FOR SALE: Dyer dinghy with sail rig and oars for \$850. Contact Carl Feusahrens at (410) 394-6643 or feus@erols.com (11-02)

FOR SALE: Intracoastal Waterway Chartbook, 2002 Edition, by John and Leslie Kettlewell (full scale charts, Norfolk to Miami). Retail \$59.95; now \$25.

C-MAP NT+ Intracoastal Waterway navigation software #NA-C307-03, Norfolk to Key West, published Spring 2002. Retail \$189; now \$90. David Marchant, Cor93vette@aol.com (11-02)

FOR SALE: 8-foot pram, weighs only 55 pounds. May be used as a tender. Accommodates 2 hp out-board. Sailing rig, while not included, is available. Lapstrake design; made of 6 mm mahogany marine plywood, with multiple layers of fiberglass on bottom, three coats of epoxy, and three coats of varnish or paint. Comes with canvas cover and oars. \$575.

Contact Ron or Suzie Williams at (410) 326-3423 or easytime@chesapeake.net. (11-02)

RACE RESULTS

SMSA WOMEN'S FALL SERIES RESULTS

CLASS: PHRF A,B,C,D No racers this class
CLASS: PHRF NS

STDG	SAIL #	YACHT	SKIPPER	WF #1	WF #2	WF #3	WF #4	Score
1	2511	IRETSU	BAYLIS	3	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.25
2	53477	KRUGERRAND	SOUTHWORTH	0.75	5	2	2	4.75
3	43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY	2	3	3	4	8
4	83113	VIGILANT	CLARK	6	2	4	6	12
5	83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE	5	6	5	3	13
6	67996	NEMESIS	STANLEY	4	4	6	5	13
7	2276	SHERMAX	MILLER	7	7	8	8	22

DNC=8
EVENT: SMSA Women's Fall Series #1 DATE: 14-Sep-02

STDG.	SAIL #	YACHT	SKIPPER	RTG.	FINISH	ELAPSED	ALLOW.	CORR'TD
1	53477	KRUGERRAND	SOUTHWORTH	132	11:43:24	1:23:24	0:12:30	1:10:54
2	43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY	168	11:47:05	1:27:05	0:15:54	1:11:11
3	2511	IRETSU	BAYLIS	96	11:40:40	1:20:40	0:09:05	1:11:35
4	67996	NEMESIS	STANLEY	174	11:52:26	1:32:26	0:16:28	1:15:58
5	83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE	186	11:54:06	1:34:06	0:17:36	1:16:30
6	83113	VIGILANT	CLARK	150	11:53:50	1:33:50	0:14:12	1:19:38
7	2276	SHERMAX	MILLER	183	12:05:11	1:45:11	0:17:19	1:27:52

CLASS: PHRF NS EVENT: SMSA Women's Fall Series #2 DATE: 14-Sep-02

STDG.	SAIL #	YACHT	SKIPPER	RTG.	FINISH	ELAPSED	ALLOW.	CORR'TD
		Length(nmi.): 8.42		Start time: 12:30:00				
1	2511	IRETSU	BAYLIS	96	13:55:57	1:25:57	0:13:28	1:12:29
2	83113	VIGILANT	CLARK	150	14:05:57	1:35:57	0:21:03	1:14:54
3	43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY	168	14:09:54	1:39:54	0:23:35	1:16:19
4	67996	NEMESIS	STANLEY	174	14:10:58	1:40:58	0:24:25	1:16:33
5	53477	KRUGERRAND	SOUTHWORTH	132	14:05:08	1:35:08	0:18:31	1:16:37
6	83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE	186	14:14:42	1:44:42	0:26:06	1:18:36
7	2276	SHERMAX	MILLER	183	14:21:56	1:51:56	0:25:41	1:26:15
CLASS:		PHRF NS		EVENT:SMSA Women's Fall Series #3		DATE: 15-Sep-02		

STDG.	SAIL #	YACHT	SKIPPER	RTG.	FINISH	ELAPSED	ALLOW.	CORR'TD
		Length(nmi.): 5.12		Start time: 9:55:00				
1	2511	IRETSU	BAYLIS	96	11:01:16	1:06:16	0:08:12	0:58:04
2	53477	KRUGERRAND	SOUTHWORTH	132	11:10:31	1:15:31	0:11:16	1:04:15
3	43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY	168	11:14:06	1:19:06	0:14:20	1:04:46
4	83113	VIGILANT	CLARK	150	11:15:26	1:20:26	0:12:48	1:07:38
5	83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE	186	11:18:55	1:23:55	0:15:52	1:08:03
6	67996	NEMESIS	STANLEY	174	11:19:01	1:24:01	0:14:51	1:09:10
7	2276	SHERMAX	MILLER	183			0:15:37	DNC
CLASS:		PHRF NS		EVENT:SMSA Women's Fall Series #4		DATE: 15-Sep-02		

STDG.	SAIL #	YACHT	SKIPPER	RTG.	FINISH	ELAPSED	ALLOW.	CORR'TD
		Length(nmi.): 5.85		Start time: 11:50:00				
1	2511	IRETSU	BAYLIS	96	13:16:36	1:26:36	0:09:22	1:17:14
2	53477	KRUGERRAND	SOUTHWORTH	132	13:22:11	1:32:11	0:12:52	1:19:19
3	83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE	186	13:36:17	1:46:17	0:18:08	1:28:09
4	43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY	168	13:35:15	1:45:15	0:16:23	1:28:52
5	67996	NEMESIS	STANLEY	174	13:37:07	1:47:07	0:16:58	1:30:09
6	83113	VIGILANT	CLARK	150	13:40:42	1:50:42	0:14:37	1:36:04
7	2276	SHERMAX	MILLER	183			0:17:51	DNC

SMALL BOAT INVITATIONAL RACE RESULTS

LIGHTNING

POS	SKIPPER	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	TOTALS
1	BRICKELL	15016	1.00	1.00	1.00	(2.00)	1.00	4.00
2	FRIEBELE	14581	(9.00)	6.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	15.00
3	GALLAGHER	14019	7.00	2.00	4.00	(9.00)	4.00	17.00
4	BUCHANAN	14485	6.00	3.00	5.00	(8.00)	3.00	17.00
5	BEHRENS	14028	2.00	(8.00)	3.00	7.00	7.00	19.00
6	ALSALAM	14096	(12.00)	7.00	6.00	2.00	5.00	20.00
7	MUSKA	15131	10.00	4.00	7.00	1.00	(OCS)	22.00
8	LANGE	15054	3.00	(11.00)	9.00	4.00	6.00	22.00
9	MEISER	14800	4.00	5.00	8.00	(10.00)	8.00	25.00
10	KEITH	11767	(11.00)	9.00	11.00	6.00	9.00	35.00
11	WERNER	13047	8.00	10.00	10.00	(11.00)	10.00	38.00
12	WAIT, SP	11154	(13.00)	13.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	48.00
13	TOWNROW	13184	5.00	12.00	(DNF)	16.0s	16.0s	49.00
14	HALL	14278	14.00	(OCS)	13.00	13.00	12.00	52.00
15	BACH, LI	9991	(15.00)	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	55.00

INTERLAKE

POS	SKIPPER	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	TOTALS
1	BRACY, KE	1248	(5.00)	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	5.00
2	SAVAGE	1153	1.00	(4.00)	2.00	1.00	3.00	7.00
3	HOWELL, AS	807	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	(DNS)	11.00
4	HERBIG J/B	265	(4.00)	3.00	3.00	4.00	2.00	12.00
5	FAWCETT	502	3.00	5.00	(DNS)	5.00	4.00	17.00
6	BARROS, J	384	6.00	6.00	5.00	(DNS)	7.0s	24.00

MOBJACK

POS	SKIPPER	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	TOTALS
1	KUBINEC	511	(1.00)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
2	GUENTHER	504	2.00	2.00	(OCS)	2.00	2.00	8.00
3	DESVERNINE	433	3.00	4.00	(DNF)	4.00	3.00	14.00
4	EVANS, DO	310	4.00	3.00	(OCS)	3.00	4.00	14.00
5	ARNOLD, MA	486	(DNF)	5.00	6.0f	6.0s	6.0s	23.00

PORTSMOUTH

POS	SKIPPER	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	TOTALS
1	MCKINNEY	16	(DNC)	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	7.00
2	SMITH, SM	USA204	3.00	1.00	1.00	(5.00)	2.00	7.00
3	MOULDS, TO	0	1.00	(5.00)	3.00	2.00	4.00	10.00
4	LIEBER, DA	1026	(4.00)	2.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	13.00
5	HOLLEY	USA110	2.00	4.00	(DNS)	3.00	7.0s	16.00
6	OSWALD, DO	0	5.00	(DNF)	7.0s	7.0s	7.0s	26.00

MULTIHULL

POS	SKIPPER	SAIL #	1	2	3	4	5	TOTALS
1	RAGEN	310	(2.00)	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	6.00
2	MOORE, JE	87512	1.00	(3.00)	2.00	1.00	2.00	6.00
3	SHELTON, J	4596	(DNF)	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	10.00

*Parentheses () indicate throw-out.

BOLD indicates SMSA member.

November 2002 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 2 SMSA Annual Planning Meeting 0930 @ Clubhouse (Brunch follows)
3 The Wharf Fall Frostbite Race #1	4	5	6	7 BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse	8	9 CBYRA Scheduling Mtg Frostbite Cruise Begins
10 The Wharf Fall Frostbite Race #2 Frostbite Cruise Ends	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15 "The Clew" inputs due Editor Varsity HS Fall Practice Ends	16 PHRF Annual Delegates Meeting
17 The Wharf Fall Frostbite Race #3	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 The Wharf Fall Frostbite Race #4	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

December 2002 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse	6	7 CBYRA Annual Delegates Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Gathering @ Clubhouse SIYC Boat Parade
15 "The Clew" inputs due Editor	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				