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## COMMODORE

Greetings for the New Year!

The December Board of Governors meeting had as its major topic the development of the operating budget for the 2003 sailing season. Due to the excellent preparation by the treasurer and by the BOG members, we were able to work out a draft budget for our operational schedule. The final figures of inflow greatly depend on the expected income from the dues increase motion now before the membership. Expenditures included funding of the standing Facilities Committee chaired by Stovy Brown to continue their work in planning for a new clubhouse location.

The Policy and Planning Committee, chaired by Jan Buckler, has been asked to review our by-laws and provide more exact wording for several sections of the bylaws that now are ambiguous statements. Jan's committee will also review past BOG operations and provide a list of policies that have been used in SMSA administration. The listing of policies will provide the present and future BOG's with a continuity of references as a guide.

The General Meeting coming up on January 11, 2003 is very important to the future of SMSA. Topics will include a presentation of the 2003 budget and a tally of the referendum for the by-laws change to adjust the dues renewal period and the modest dues increase. My plan for the meeting is to put on the table any issues that the membership feels that the BOG needs to consider. I believe that issue articles in *The Clew* are not the place for their presentation to the BOG. Rather, if any member has an issue for consideration, the place for that issue is on the agenda of the next BOG meeting or at a general meeting. Mark that date on your calendar and I hope that all will attend and provide the needed membership steering commands.

Our Christmas party at the clubhouse provided an opportunity for members to visit and enjoy the second boat parade sponsored by the Solomons Island Yacht Club. The holiday decorations gave a nice beginning to the season for us all.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held at St. Mary's College on January 4, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. for the third year. It will be a festive affair and I invite all our members and friends to enjoy the social activities and applaud the accomplishments of our racing and cruising members.

See you all at the General Meeting, on January 11, 2003 at the clubhouse!

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## VICE COMMODORE

I have received some feedback from a few members regarding one of the motions currently out to the membership for vote. Specifically, the feedback relates to the wording of the motion to change the due date of the annual dues. The general consensus seems to be that the concept is good and everyone understands the reasoning behind the proposed change, but the possible ambiguity of an arbitrary penalty/late fee is turning some members off to the motion. I hope the membership can trust that the BOG would impose a fee that is reasonable and appropriate. The objective of this motion is to bring in dues money earlier in the season to allow for more accurate budgeting and fiscal responsibility. The current system is difficult at best to work with. I still encourage you to vote "yes" for this motion. Regardless of your vote, I also encourage you to attend the Winter General Meeting on January 11 at the clubhouse. This is YOUR opportunity to help steer the BOG in the direction you want to see SMSA head. If you do not participate, your voice cannot be heard.

Other than that, I hope to see everyone at the Awards Banquet on January 4!

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## FACILITIES GOVERNOR

Volunteers are welcome to participate in the Club "Paint and Touch Up Day" on January 18. This will include wall cleaning and paint touch up on both floors, cleaning the stair carpet runner, as well as removal of the accumulated junk in the SMSA office, the race committee room/storage lockers, the pantry and the Matt Gambrell room. The success of this day will be determined by the number of folks who show up, so don't be shy...come on down in your work clothes.

## ELECTION RESULTS

### SMSA Board of Governors Election and Referendum Results September 2002

Through a number of errors, the results of the SMSA September election and the vote on the motions presented to the membership have not been reported in *The CLEW*. This oversight had been mentioned to me by several members. Although this is not late breaking news, I appreciate their comments and have provided the information below:

<i>Commodore</i>	Walt Rupp
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	Shawn Stanley
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	Don Behrens
<i>Secretary</i>	Linda Kuehnle
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jim Keen
<i>Race Governor</i>	Clarke McKinney
<i>Cruise Governor</i>	John Walker
<i>Facilities Governor</i>	Carl Feusahrens
<i>Social Governor</i>	Laura Comeau
<i>Public Relations Governor</i>	Tim Flaherty
<i>Junior Governor</i>	Dave Pedersen
<i>Women's Governor</i>	Charlotte Mahood
<i>Membership Governor</i>	Jay Hanks

The motions were voted as follows and are paraphrased here. Copies of the full text will be available at the winter General Meeting

Motion 1 Passed. BOG to establish a negotiation team to obligate good faith money for the acquisition of land and facilities for the association.

Motion 2. Passed. Commodore to establish a standing facilities committee with a budget to develop plans and drawings and monitor the progress of the negotiation team.

Motion 3. Passed. By-Laws change: Article II, Section 1 - Delete Patron identity, while retaining the subscription-to-publications only category of participation.

Motion 4. Failed. Add a 'Crew Member' membership category.

Motion 5. Passed. By-Laws change: Article V, Section 2 "Publication Subscription Fees shall be set at \$50 per year."

Motion 6. Failed. Annual dues for Family/Joint Membership raised to 150% of an individual member. (That means the Family/Joint Membership dues raised to \$150).

Motion 7. Passed. By-Laws change: Article V, Section 2. Annual dues raised for Individual Membership to \$110 and to \$132 for Family/Joint Membership

Motion 8. Passed. By-Laws change: Article II and Article V, Section 2. Delete "Young Adult Membership" category.

Walt Rupp, Commodore

## PUBLICITY

We need to find cover art for the 2003 yearbook. Last year, we used Barbara Herbig's rendering of 30 sail abstracts as our cover. If you have an

original drawing or painting you would like to be considered, please get in touch with me.

The Board of Governor's has been looking at ways to save on printing *The Clew*. About \$29 per membership annually goes toward printing and mailing our newsletter, and it is quite a big expense. We do realize there are members who prefer to read *The Clew* online, or print it out. *The Clew* is available at our website ([www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com)). If you would like to add you name to the email distribution, please forward your information to Stew Buckler at [sbuckler@olg.com](mailto:sbuckler@olg.com). That way we can save some paper and postage and cut down on waste.

In November, the Commodore asked all BOG members to form committees for each of our areas of responsibility. So far, the Publicity Committee consists of Charlotte Mahood and Bridget McNamara. As Charlotte is already the Women's Governor, and Bridget is our immediate past Membership Governor, it would be nice to have a couple more people who aren't already involved in SMSA to help out. Primarily, I need help getting ads and pictures together for the Yearbook, and coming up with some new ideas to publicize SMSA and attract new members. Let me know if I can put you on the Publicity Committee list.

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## SECRETARY

### APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2002

**OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:**  
Walt Rupp, Jim Keen, Shawn Stanley, Laura Comeau, Tim Flaherty, John Walker, Charlotte Mahood, Jay Hanks, Carl Feusahrens, Clarke McKinney, Don Behrens, Linda Kuehnle

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Kumke, Max Munger, Maggie Weir, John Weir, David Arbuthnot, Stovy Brown, Paul Eubank, Jack Pappas

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

### **Opening Remarks**

- Conduct of BOG Meetings. The BOG will follow the pre-determined agenda. There will be no interpersonal dialog. Roberts Rules of Order will be followed. Everyone will have a chance to talk at the end of the meeting under the topic of "Old" or "New Business."

- Calendar Review. The BOG's inputs from the November planning meeting have been sent to Lisa Feusahrens for incorporation into *The Clew*.

- Committee Development. Each Governor needs to look to the membership to get volunteers to help with their governorship.

- Composition of the BOG - Confirmation vote on Facilities and Membership Governors. Tonight is the first official meeting of the 2003 BOG. Other meetings were for planning and preparing and no official actions can be taken until the November BOG meeting. The first action the 2003 BOG will be to confirm the appointment of the Facilities Governor.

*Motion:* A motion was made to confirm Carl Feusahrens as Facilities Governor.

*Result:* The motion was seconded and passed.

The second action I propose to the BOG is to delay the confirmation of the Membership Governor until the December 5 BOG meeting. Discussion followed and action will be taken at the December 5 BOG meeting.

**Secretary** – The Secretary explained the email process for reviewing and approving the draft BOG minutes to the incoming BOG.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer reported on his turnover from the previous treasurer. He distributed and the BOG reviewed the SMSA 2002 Budget Progress to Date through November 4, 2002. Also included in this package is spreadsheet for the Governors to start preparing their budgets for the next BOG meeting. The treasurer feels we have some huge challenges ahead of us but with the great mix of

talent that we have in this year's BOG, he is sure we can solve these tough issues together and put to rest some long-standing albatrosses. He has formed a treasurer's committee to help with these challenges and they include: John Weir, Max Munger, David Arbuthnot, and Stovy Brown.

**Vice Commodore** – The Vice Commodore reported he has received a pass down from the former Vice Commodore.

**Race** – The Race Governor reported he had one race under his belt with the results still unknown.

**Cruise** – The Cruise Governor reported having formed a Cruise Committee with the following members: Curt Hamilton, Ron Hoile, and Ken Mowbray.

**Junior** – The Vice Commodore reported for the Junior Governor. The Junior Governor has formed a committee with the following members: Stovy Brown, Jeff Kumke, Carl Feusahrens, Barbara Herbig, Shawn Stanley. He also reported that additional weeks have been added to the Junior Sailing Camp.

**Women's** – The Women's Governor reported she has formed a committee with the following members: Peggy Stanley, Maggie Weir, Barbara Herbig and Janet Rupp. Their committee's first meeting proceeded quite well.

**Rear Commodore** – The Rear Commodore had nothing to report.

**Membership** – The Membership Governor has not been confirmed.

**Social** – The Social Governor reported that the Christmas Gathering will be held on December 14 and she will be putting an article in *The Clew*. She is scheduled to meet with the caterer on November 20 to discuss the food and arrangements for our Awards Banquet. There are preparations being made to honor SMSA's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday at the banquet.

**Publicity** – The Publicity Governor reported that our webmaster is Dan Shannon. He oversees the SMSA website in general. Stew Buckler takes care of posting race results, and items under the Publicity Link. Questions about the website may be addressed to Dan or Stew.

**Facilities** – The Facilities Governor has changed the combination to the front door of the clubhouse.

He will be in control of who has access to the combination and will coordinate this with LCYC. He also suggested we need an updated lease agreement with Matt Gambrill. Shawn Stanley took this for action.

#### **Old Business**

- **Calendar changes as a result of the Planning Meeting – Vice Commodore.** The calendar conflict with LCYC regarding our Christmas Gathering has been resolved. LCYC's gathering is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and our Christmas Gathering is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December. LCYC is very interested in forming camaraderie between our two clubs. We are planning to have one calendar for our two clubs with everyone's events scheduled.

#### **New Business**

- **Mr. Jack Pappas from the Calvert Marine Museum Board of Members** addressed the BOG to ask our consideration to hold fundraisers for the museum. An example of a fundraiser would be a racing event that draws people and raises money to support the many youth oriented programs the museum now undertakes. John Walker was appointed to pursue this idea with Mr. Pappas and report to the December BOG meeting.

- **P&PC New Chair Appointment** – The Commodore reported that he has appointed Jan Buckler as chairperson for 2003.

- **2003 Budget Development – Dues Increase** – John Walker

*Motion:* We, the 2003 Board of Governors of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc. do hereby resolve that we will abide by the articles of incorporation and by-laws of SMSA, especially with regard to the prohibition of "for profit" programs and any other activity which endangers our non-profit status as a 501 C7 corporation.

*Result:* Seconded with discussion. Discussion followed and it was determined that there has not been enough analysis done to vote on this motion. The motion was tabled until information can be verified. This was seconded and passed.

*Motion:* At the formal ceremony at which the newly elected members of the Board of Governors are inducted, each member shall make the following pledge: "I do hereby pledge myself to abide by the articles of incorporation and the By-

laws of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc., and to perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my ability."

*Result:* The motion was seconded and passed and be included in Article 2 of the By-laws.

*Motion:* Motion was made to confirm Jay Hanks as Membership Governor.

*Result:* Seconded. Much discussion followed and it was decided to table this matter until the December BOG.

*By-Laws Change:* This is the essence of a By-laws change I will make in December: We need to add another class of member to the list of membership classes called "Screwpile Member." After this member has paid his entrance fee for the Screwpile Regatta and been approved by the BOG, he would enjoy all of the privileges of a non-voting member for the week preceding and the week after the regatta.

*Result:* Discussion followed and it was decided it needed further analysis. It was suggested that Jim Keen look into this along with John Walker for all the legalities. The newly formed Treasurer's committee will also help.

*Motion to be made in December that will affect the Junior Program:* Only junior members and the minor children of members shall participate in any Junior Program.

*Result:* The Junior Program has already made a decision that in this year's Junior Camp Program all participants will be members.

- **Motions for by-laws change and initiation of the 60-day member notification cycle.**

*Motion:* I move that this Board of Governors accept and implement the recommendations and schedule from the Change Implications Committee final report to the October 3 meeting of the SMSA 2002 BOG. The report includes reestablishing the SMSA fiscal year from January 1 to December 31, adjusting the mailing of the annual membership renewal bills to January 15, a 30-day period for payment with February 15 as a due date, and preparation of a balanced Final Budget mailed with the April issue of *The Clew*. Since the change in renewal period will require a 60-day-referendum period for approval by the full membership, I

further move that the 2003 BOG initiate that action immediately.

*Result:* The motion was seconded and passed with one opposed.

*Motion:* Dues are payable on 15 January and a member will be considered to be in arrears after 30 days. Without adequate reason, a member in arrears for any indebtedness will be declared not in good standing and a late fee may be assessed or membership terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

*Result:* The motion was seconded with discussion.

*Discussion:* Questions were raised as to what would be the penalty. Would we enact a percentage or a late fee? It was decided to change the motion to include "late fee" may be assessed. The discussion was closed and the motion voted on and passed with the change.

*Motion:* A motion was made to increase the individual membership dues by \$15 to \$125. This would bring membership dues close to that required if the 150% increase had been approved and probably would be enough of an increase to have a balanced budget for 2003 and still reduce the deficit significantly.

*Result:* Motion was withdrawn.

*Motion:* Motion was made to form a committee to meet and find out exactly what we should do to get SMSA out of our financial problems.

*Result:* The Commodore said he had every confidence in the Treasurer and his committee to develop a resolution. The motion was withdrawn.

*Motion to increase the individual dues to \$125*

*reinstated:* The motion was seconded with discussion.

*Result:* The discussion was closed and the motion voted on and passed with two opposed.

The Commodore in keeping with Motion 2 passed at the Annual Meeting established a standing Facilities Committee chaired by Stovy Brown to continue their work in planning for a new clubhouse location.

#### **Commodore's Closing Remarks**

The two motions passed tonight will be mailed to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Kuehnle, Secretary.  
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*Note:* The Women's Governor voted not to approve the November 7, 2002 minutes.

## **UPCOMING BOG AGENDA**

### **Southern Maryland Sailing Association 2003 Board of Governors Meeting Thursday, January 9, 2003 7:30 p.m. Draft Agenda**

#### **Commodore-**

- Opening Remarks - plans for the Winter General Meeting, agenda and reports
- Appointment of Cruise Governor
- BOG Calendar Comments

#### **Secretary –**

- Minutes from December 12, 2002 BOG meeting - status

#### **Treasurer –**

- Financial Report -
- Status of Audit of 2002 records
- Budget Discussion
- Report on Meeting with tax attorney

#### **Vice Commodore - On the Water Programs**

- Race Governor – Race Programs - Frostbite Series
- Cruise Governor- Cruise Programs, Plans for Cruise Scheduling Meeting
- Junior Governor – Outline Program Plans
- Women's Program Governor – Program Plans development status

#### **Rear Commodore - Ashore Programs**

- Social – Plans SMSA Winter General meeting
- Publicity – Yearbook plans
- Facilities-
- Membership- SMSA membership renewal mailing

**Old Business -**

Agenda and planning for the General Meeting January 11, 2003  
Membership Renewal Form Issues  
Publication policy for *The Clew*

**New Business -**

P&PC recommended bylaws changes.

**Commodore -**

Closing Remarks

**Adjourn**

**RACE**

It was the first 50-degree day in four weeks. Plans had been made for several of the local sailors to gather to enjoy the day on the water. All that gathered, even the one that hadn't been sailing yet, were enjoying discussions of races past and future. A day like this was special. The sun was shining bright. Visibility was crystal clear after 30 days straight of 30-40 degree weather and mostly cloudy skies and rain. These friends stayed out until sunset. It was easy to do.

It was just a day when some of the volunteers of SMSA step forward to help when the need arises. It is great to be a part of a community that puts their efforts forward to make the SMSA programs strong and diversified. The day was as beautiful as you can imagine, but the task at hand was the annual retrieval of the race marks. It took a lot of effort to brake, haul and secure the anchors and ground tackle. I was totally amazed at the amount of growth that occurs in only ten months. Needless to say, everyone was covered with all types of sea life and bottom sediment. This didn't seem to take away from the moment.

It's the efforts of volunteers like Pete LaRouche, Shawn Stanley, Walt Rupp, Dennis Donehoo, and Steve that make SMSA an association that continues to provide enjoyment for the boating

enthusiasts here and from areas far beyond. I hope to be able to count on your volunteering in the near future to help out with the many programs SMSA has to offer. A little time goes a long way. I wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

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**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Patuxent High Awards Seven Varsity Letters**

**SMSA High School Sailing Flourishes and Will Expand**

In Patuxent High School's fourth year of competition as a team and its third year of practicing at SMSA each spring and fall, the school awarded seven varsity letters at SMSA's Fall High School Awards Ceremony at the clubhouse on Tuesday, December 10.

Twelve special awards were given to the participants in this fall's program, which sailed at SMSA on 22 weekday practice days and competed in 5 away regattas on weekends. We probably averaged 8 races and 12 starts each of those days. You can do the math yourself to see that this is the most active sailboat racing program based in Solomons.

During the ceremony we reviewed the roles that the many organizations play in making high school competitive sailing a reality.

First, Patuxent High School, the initial sole focus of our program, made sailing a club sport, both spring and fall, three years ago. Sailing is the only sport at the school that awards varsity letters in two seasons.

We have a wonderful faculty advisor, Sue Cornelius, who holds the Sailing Club and many other aspects of our program together. Sue and her

husband, Bobby, are SMSA family members. Sue is on the math faculty at the high school.

The Navy Junior ROTC unit at Patuxent was the genesis for all of this activity. Under Commander Michael Dvorsky's lead, sailing at the school started with an old day sailor donated to the school when PHS opened. About half the team from Patuxent in any given season comes from the NJROTC unit, where sailing is one of its commands. Mike is on the board of the Sailing Foundation.

But the school needed a host for its practice sessions once the idea of forming a competitive racing team superseded the use of that old day sailor.

First, to help us with this problem was St. Mary's College. Adam Werblow and Mike Ironmonger invited us to practice there several times each season. This gave us enough time on the water to develop our team and begin competing in weekend events against other high schools.

St. Mary's continues to support us in many ways. They still host us for two or three extended practices each season when Patuxent has a Friday off or an early dismissal. And they gave our Sailing Foundation first pick as it acquired six of their recreational fleet of Flying Juniors last winter.

During the award ceremony, the Patuxent High School Sailing Club presented a citation of its appreciation for the timely and enduring support it receives from the sailing program at St. Mary's.

As generous as the open offer from St. Mary's was, we knew we needed a sailing venue and boats closer to home. SMSA stepped forward and added high school sailing to its junior activities and allowed us to use its equipment. There are lots of SMSA volunteers who give their time so that our program works. The SMSA Junior Committee under the leadership of Junior Governor, Dave Pedersen, oversees the details of the program.

Carl Feusahrens is a new member of the Board of SMSA and a Junior Committee member. He is also a parent and a member of the Foundation Board.

Shawn Stanley is Vice Commodore of SMSA, an occasional volunteer coach, and a Junior Committee member and Jeff Kumke and John Herbig round out the rest of the Junior Committee.

One of SMSA's rules is that whenever we have high school sailors on the water, we have an SMSA member in the clubhouse as a safety officer in case anything goes wrong.

Dede and Frank King have taken on all the Thursday afternoon safety officer duties for several seasons now. To thank them, during the ceremony, they were made honorary coaches of the high school sailing team. Frank is a member of the Foundation Board.

Another local organization that plays an important role is the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation. As SMSA took on the hosting of practices, we needed appropriate boats and other capital equipment. The Foundation was put together to accept tax-deductible donations to support youth sailing in all of Southern Maryland, concentrating first on high school sailing in Calvert County. A club, such as SMSA, can take donations, but cannot give them a charitable status, and is not eligible for many grant programs that support youth sailing. Hence the Foundation was formed three years ago to buy and hold title to the capital equipment but charter it out to organizations supporting youth sailing.

The Foundation solicited a few early cash donations to assemble a fleet of diverse and vintage 420s, which we used for the beginning two years here at SMSA.

The Foundation then went on a fund drive and raised enough to purchase the six Flying Juniors from St. Mary's last winter. These are the boats now chartered to SMSA that our high school



sailors used this spring and fall and our Junior Day Camps used this summer.

The Foundation is in the process of chartering two of the old 420s to Baltimore County to enable Woodlawn High School to start a sailing team there. The three remaining ones will go to St. Mary's Ryken High School for the same purpose.

Another local supporter of high school sailing is the Calvert Marina. SMSA rents its clubhouse from the marina, but doesn't own or control any of the nearby land or waterfront. So we approached Matt Gambrell, the proprietor of the marina, about expanding the already modest use of the beach area used by SMSA's summer Optimist Pram program to include high school sailing in the spring and fall. He has graciously allowed us to do this, and thus, is one of our strong supporters, too.

To complete the picture of what's behind high school sailing, one should know about the Interscholastic Sailing Association. It is the national organizing body for high school sailing, which has the country divided up into several very active districts, and sponsors three national championships as well.

The Patuxent High School Sailing Club belongs to the Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Sailing Association, which schedules weekend competitions for the 35 schools ranging from Rochester, New York, to Norfolk, Virginia. MASSA holds qualifying events for single handed, team racing, and double handed sailors from our district to go to the ISSA nationals.

For the coming spring season, it looks like two more high school teams will be practicing at SMSA on Thursdays and Fridays. Churchville – Rising Sun Christian and St. Mary's Ryken are in the final stages of setting up their structures in the schools and joining ISSA and MASSA.

James Baker, father of our high school sailor, James Baker, is spearheading the effort at Churchville – Rising Sun Christian, the Southern

Maryland part. These two have been regularly sailing the Navy yawl, 'Vigilant,' on Wednesday nights and a few weekend events. Wes Gleason, father of Keith, a successful local skipper at last summer's Sea Scout internationals, is doing the same for Ryken. We will welcome them to our SMSA practices, where we will sail and learn together. But on weekends, at the various MASSA regattas, they will be competitors with Patuxent High School. This same approach of multiple rivals practicing with each other is used in Annapolis at both the Annapolis Yacht Club and Severn Sailing Association, and is one of the reasons the ten schools in that area have become so strong over the past few years. In fact, Southern High of Anne Arundel County won this fall's MASSA championship.

Our high school program alone cannot make a winning team. With only two practices a week and five or so weekend regattas, it simply is not rich enough to give even the most talented of sailors the breadth of experience needed to be a national champion. What we do at the high school program should be supplemented with other SMSA junior opportunities, such as the summer camps, Sunday junior days, Thursday evening summer racing, crewing on a big boat Wednesday night and weekend racing, and participation in local small boat regattas using the junior boats. The opportunities for junior sailors throughout the Chesapeake Bay area are extensive. Any junior and his or her parents should talk about this to the SMSA junior committee to help out with all of these events.

#### High School Sailing – Fall 2002 Awards

<b>Most Improved Crew</b>	<b>Adam Sanders.</b>
<b>Rookie of the Season</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Likas.</b>
<b>Most Improved</b>	<b>James Baker.</b>
<b>Best Freshman Crew</b>	<b>Jakob Hall.</b>
<b>Best Freshman Skipper</b>	<b>Michael Greenwell.</b>

The following seven also received varsity letters from Patuxent High School:

<b>Best Team Spirit</b>	<b>Wayne Likeks</b>
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<b>Best Sophomore Crew</b>	<b>Aileen Richards *</b>
<b>Best Sophomore Skipper</b>	<b>Travis Haigler *</b>
<b>Best Senior Crew</b>	<b>Aaron Redditt.</b>
<b>Best Senior Skipper</b>	<b>Taylor Woodburn-Camp *</b>
<b>Panther Sportsmanship</b>	<b>John Morales *</b>
<b>Outstanding Sailor</b>	<b>Devon Feusahrens *</b>

\* Denotes Minds in Motion award winner, Maryland's public school scholar-athlete recognition program.

We are looking forward to this spring with the two additional high schools joining the regular Thursday and Friday practices from mid-March to the end of May.

Stovy Brown  
High School Sailing Coach

## CRUISE

At the December 2002 BOG meeting your Cruising Program budget was presented for review. All income and expenditure projections were carefully discussed. Our treasurer, Jim Keen provided insight and requested a time-phased income and expenditure plan from all the Governors. The major expenditures were for the Cruising Planning meeting to be held on February 1, 2003, the Halloween Cruise and cruising awards. The budget meeting was concluded by 10:30 pm. The list of awards for the participants for the past year cruising season has been updated. We are looking forward to a great turn out on February 1 at the clubhouse when we will have breakfast, finalize our 2003 cruising program, and complete the morning with lunch.

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## JUNIOR PROGRAM

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Happy 2003! We now have a schedule for the upcoming season. This year we are going to have eight one-week camps. This adds one more camp to the schedule in order to address the growing participation level. The first camp will take place the week of June 16, and the last camp will be held the week of August 11. There will be no camp the week of July 21 (Screwpile Regatta). The Basic Opti camps will take place during weeks 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. Basic FJ camp will be week 5 and advanced FJ camp will be weeks 1 and 8. The SMSA sign-up date is Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Sometime in January we will be updating the SMSA web page which describes our junior program. We are not yet ready to attempt on-line registration, but there will be on-line forms and schedules for your convenience. You will find the full schedule along with Sunday sailing and high school sailing schedules. Information about our fees will also be updated.

As a simple reminder, in early February I will e-mail all those who went to camp last year. Sign up early so you don't miss out. Last year, our summer camps were nearly full by the second week in June. Please send me information about others who may be interested in the camps or have them e-mail me. If you have any questions, please let me know. The Junior Committee is hard at work in order to make our camps even better. We've just ordered books for the kids to keep and have some other great ideas in mind. Your input is always welcome. Come on summer! That is all for now. Happy New Year!

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## PHRF and CBYRA ANNUAL MEETINGS

As your SMSA delegate to PHRF and CBYRA, I attended the annual delegate meetings of both organizations this past November and December. I've covered the most important issues we discussed here, but if you have other questions, please give me a call.

PHRF held its annual board of delegates meeting at the AYC on November 9, 2002. The annual meeting is where the policies and rules of the organization are discussed, and voted on, to make revisions to improve PHRF class racing on the bay. SMSA is the third largest group of members with PHRF ratings among all clubs on the bay, and PHRF membership is up over 6% from 2001 across the entire Chesapeake Bay.

The PHRF delegates made several important changes this year. For the first time, boats under 20 ft LOA may receive a PHRF rating, provided they meet the category 6P requirements. PHRF has turned down previous requests as their by-laws excluded boats under 20 ft. For 2003, there will be an increase in fees for the PHRF application to \$35. This is the first increase in about five years, and it will, in part, help pay for use of US Sailing's new handicapping tools by the handicappers during 2003.

The "grandfather" clause that allowed asymmetric spinnakers built prior to 1994 was deleted, so any of these older sails that were previously allowed without penalty, may now be subject to a rating penalty. Also for roller furling sails, the grandfather clauses were discussed, but will remain for one extra year only. Beginning in 2004, the grandfather clauses for RF sails will be deleted. The board of delegates did hear a request from one boat to use trapezes on a PHRF boat, and had some lengthy discussion on the subject. In the end, the delegates denied the request, so no boats will use trapezes in PHRF races, even if the boat was

designed to be sailed with them. The delegates approved the use of Code 0 sails. PHRF policies in the past prohibited Code 0 sails, however with the increasing use of specialized sails, more and more boats have them in their inventories. Owners who would like to race with the Code 0 in PHRF races must list them on the 2003 application/renewal forms. Another decision was not really a change, but clarification of the PHRF non-spinnaker rules. Some competitors were unsure of whether one or two headsails were allowed in PHRF N races. For 2003, the PHRF N class will sail with two headsails, unless the organizing club specifically changes this in the special sailing instructions for the event. Of interest to some of our members that sail races beginning or finishing outside of the Chesapeake Bay, is the possibility of receiving a special event rating certificate from PHRF of the Chesapeake, if required by the organizing club. The special certificate will require a fee in addition to the regular valid certificate. Finally, the PHRF class splits for all northern Bay regions remain as in 2002. The only change was to region 4 South, which approved lowering both the PHRF A to B, and the B to C splits. If you already have a PHRF certificate, you'll receive a renewal in the mail during early January. If you don't have a valid rating, I'd encourage you to apply for a PHRF and join the largest handicap racing fleet on the Bay. You may contact our club's PHRF handicapper, Dan Trammell or myself, or you can find the application forms at the PHRF website, [www.phrfchesbay.com](http://www.phrfchesbay.com).

The annual CBYRA meeting was held at WRSC, on December 7, 2002. Outgoing President Joe Krolak made an opening statement to kick off the meeting. After the roll call, the meeting proceeded with reports from the Treasurer, the regional VPs, and the chairpersons from the Handicap division, COD division, OD division, and the Junior activities coordinator. There were no new clubs applying for membership with CBYRA this year. George Culbertson was awarded an honorary lifetime membership for his many contributions to CBYRA. The CBYRA Presidents Award was renamed the Marcia

Grosvenor Award, in honor of her lifelong support of sailing, and CBYRA. Marcia lost her battle with cancer this year, and she will be missed by all who knew her. Her name adds great honor to this award. Marcia's family graciously acknowledged this honor. The nominees for office were voted on and Bob Rutsch was elected President of CBYRA for 2003, with John Heffner the Exec VP, John Dodge as the Treasurer, and Todd Lochner as the new Secretary. If you are involved with SMSA racing, at any level, Junior, small boat, or PHRF racing, you will benefit from joining CBYRA. They provide support for all sailboat racing, and racers, across the bay. If you'd like more information on CBYRA, contact me, visit their website, [www.cbyra.org](http://www.cbyra.org), or contact their office at 410-269-1194.

Stew Buckler  
SMSA Delegate to PHRF and CBYRA

## WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Great! We have three inputs to our request for Boat Bios for this issue of *The Clew*. We need three for the February issue of *The Clew*. Come on, sailors, don't be bashful, step into the spotlight and tell us your Boat Bios. Send your articles and photos to Charlotte or to Janet.

From Ruth Keimig: *Yes!* is the name of my boat, properly said with an emphatic thrust of the fist upward to say "I did it!" It is an OFAT Catalina Capri with a fixed fin keel, a quarter pint version of the first *Miles to Go*, whose name came from the Robert Frost poem. I missed sailing very much after I sold our big boat and decided after a year of mulling it over, "Why not buy my own?" A few of you may recall that our OFAT plus boats were my first experience with sailing, so I had much to learn all at once. I have been amazed in maneuvering *Yes!* how much boat handling I had absorbed from my years on the bigger boats, even though I did not dock those boats. Now I sail with Joe James, and

we like the river cruises best because they do not subject us to the vagaries of the bay winds and a potentially wet sail home in our open cockpit.

From Walt and Janet Rupp: *Brigadoon* is a Catalina 34, Hull #54, commissioned in January 1986. Walt and I purchased *Brigadoon* from the original owner at the York River Yacht Haven on Sarah Creek in Virginia. We kept the name given to the boat by the original owners simply because we liked it. We were to discover many other boats were also named *Brigadoon*. Walt and I were looking for a larger, safer boat and upon reading the boat advertisements in the Washington Post, Walt saw *Brigadoon* for sale. So we called the owners to make an appointment to see the boat. Vedi, Veni, Velcro--I came, I saw, I stuck to it. *Brigadoon* sailed beautifully; she was a safer boat for our ever growing experiences with SMSA, and our comfort level gave us room to dream of going down the ICW. In *Brigadoon* Walt and I have been as far north as Philadelphia, PA, and to Cape May, NJ. Walt, our then 15-year-old grandson, and I sailed the ICW as far south as S. Lake Worth, Florida, where we crossed the gulf stream to the Bahamas for two months returning to Ft. Pierce, Florida. Our southern cruise departure and return took 7 ½ months from October, 1998 to May, 1999. We look forward to many more years of sailing *Brigadoon* on SMSA cruises.

From Bill and Charlotte Mahood: Bill and Charlotte are emeritus members of SMSA with more than 30 years of sailing experience. Back in 1984, when Bill was Commodore and Charlotte was Rear Commodore, they were sailing a small, wooden schooner, the *Chesapeake Lady*. As avid cruisers, they sailed the length of the Chesapeake Bay and went as far south as Albemarle Sound. When Charlotte and Bill added four daughters to the family, it soon became apparent that the family was too large for the little schooner. Bill and Charlotte moved up to a Bristol 35.5 sloop. Charlotte is Captain and owner of the new boat. The new boat was christened

*Deshandera* after the young ladies (DEborah, SHANnon, DEbra, RACHEL). The girls have grown up sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. As a family, we have sailed the Bay from Havre de Grace, MD, to Elizabeth City, NC, with occasional excursions to Philadelphia or around the Delmarva Peninsula. Bill and Charlotte have chartered in the British Virgin Islands and have off-shore sailing experience. Charlotte is the 2003 Women's Governor; so, look for her aboard *Deshandera* and say "Hi".

Submitted by Janet Rupp

### LASSO INSTRUCTION

Ever had problems getting a line over a piling? Come have some fun, laughs, and possibly make new friends with Frank Gerred. March 1, 8, 16 and 29 at 0930 at the Clubhouse  
LIMITED SPACE RSVP  
Charly2616@aol.com

### LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

January 17, 2002  
7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Come join us for a night of fun, a game of Bunco, and making new friends. Bring a dessert to share. RSVP - Charly2616@aol.com.

Charlotte Mahood, Women's Governor  
Charly2616@aol.com, (703) 620-2752

## SOCIAL

As we set sail for another fun year at SMSA, I want to pass on the names of those special

members who make up the Social Committee for 2003. They are: Melissa Behrens, Karen Donehoo, Nikki Goodman, Carole LaRoche, Pat Marchant, and Lois Zonderman. There are many activities to plan and plenty of opportunities for you to become involved in our program. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact me.

I wish to extend a special thank you to Karen and Dennis Donehoo for dedicating their time and energy in cleaning, decorating and set up of the clubhouse for the Christmas Gathering. Shawn and I were fortunate and delighted to have such great helpers working beside us that day! I would also like to thank Karen for her help again on Sunday with the clean up and removal of all of the decorations. Marc Delavergne took time out of his Sunday to assist us with taking down the interior and exterior lights...thanks a million Marc! Also, a quick thank you to our Facilities Governor, Carl Feusahrens, for his help with the last minute manly touches to our clean up efforts! Thank you to all those who had a hand in the basic clean up after the event on Saturday night. Unselfish members like you really keep our club going! Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a happy New Year!

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, January 4, 2003: SMSA Awards Banquet** at St. Mary's College Campus Center Great Room. Please come and enjoy the excellent food, wonderful music and the great company of your fellow sailors at the 2002 Sailing Season Awards Banquet. Cost for the event is \$35.00 for SMSA Members and \$45.00 for non-members and guests. There is an additional \$10.00 fee to participate in open bar offered during this event. **Don't miss out...the RSVP deadline for this event is Monday, December 23, 2002.**

**Saturday, January 11, 2003: General Meeting Brunch** at the clubhouse. This brunch will be held at the conclusion of the General Meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30. Members are asked to bring a breakfast/lunch type food item or desert item to share. Hot and cold beverages will be on

hand for this event. I encourage each member to attend this important meeting to help start the New Year off on the right foot...or better said, the right headsail!

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

## POLICY AND PLANNING

I know many of you have already voted by mail on the two amendments to the SMSA By-Laws that will be considered at the Winter General Meeting on January 11, but I feel some further discussion is required. I am writing as the Chairman of the Non-Member Income Subcommittee from last year to add to the discussion on Motion 2 that you received with your ballot. While I have issues as an individual with virtually all of this discussion, I will confine my remarks to the second paragraph, which touches on the work of our Subcommittee from last year.

According to the discussion, our tax accountant advised that SMSA cannot use our money market fund to eliminate our deficit, and thus a dues increase is required. Our Subcommittee found that once taxes had been paid on non-member income, this income could be used at SMSA's discretion. This conclusion was based in part on a report from a tax lawyer to the 2002 SMSA Treasurer, but more importantly, it was based on advice from an IRS agent in a telephone conversation with IRS Customer Service for Tax-Exempts and Government Organizations.

Another of the Subcommittee's recommendations was that SMSA should retain the services of an accountant with specific experience in handling the taxes of tax-exempt social and recreational clubs, which includes SMSA. The Subcommittee felt that while our accountant has generally provided us with good service, it appeared he lacked sufficient specific expertise in the tax issues relevant to our kind of organization.

The Non-Member Income Subcommittee reported to the 2002 BOG at its October meeting. If anyone would like a copy of that report, you may e-mail me at [weirj@radix.net](mailto:weirj@radix.net), or give me a call and I will forward a copy to you.

John Weir, Chairman 2002 Non-Member Income Subcommittee  
2002 Policy and Planning Committee

## MEMBERSHIP

An old member, John Foxwell McKinney, has re-joined after an eight-year absence. With spouse Amy Diana, four kids -- Margot, 24, Rachel, 21, Hannah, 19 and Caroline, 14 -- and a Ranger 33 with a PHRF of 162. Expect his 2003 renewal to include the race fee.

FYI, the 2003 renewal situation, regarding renewal period and dues amounts, will not be determined until the ballot count at the Business Meeting on January 11. Hopefully, the period will be shortened to the 30 days -- 15 January to 15 February -- and the dues again increased a bit. Both adjustments are necessary to get the SMSA on a healthy track. Please renew early and often.

Jay Hanks, Membership Governor  
[jhanks@starpower.net](mailto:jhanks@starpower.net), (301) 373-5474

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the February 2003 issue of *The Clew* will be

**Wednesday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

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Snail Mail: Lisa Feusahrens

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Solomons, Maryland 20688

**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

The racing season is nearly over (Bummer!) and a good friend of yours, who races her 40 foot sloop out of the Annapolis area, has asked you to join her crew for the last race of the season up near "The Bridge." You drive up to Annapolis, find her boat, join the crew, and look forward to an afternoon of competitive racing since there are quite a variety of boats milling about the starting area.

Your PHRF class gets its start, and your friend's heavy displacement 40 foot sloop (named *Happy Days*) sails away from the starting line with a "good" start in light to moderate winds with only a small amount of Chesapeake chop. *Happy Days* holds her own with her competition on the first beat to the weather mark, and does well on the first downwind leg. As you and *Happy Days* approach the leeward mark, you are, of course, the first crewmember to notice that your spinnaker is overlapped with the stern of a smaller, but faster, 20 foot light displacement boat (named *Slick Willie*) that is OUTSIDE of you as you both approach the leeward mark on port tack for a port rounding. Without consulting with your skipper, you hail loudly to the skipper of *Slick Willie* that an overlap exists ... fully expecting to get the rights of an inside overlapped boat as you round the mark.

When you get to within 80 feet of the mark (2 of YOUR boat lengths) and you are still overlapped, your skipper orders the spinnaker dropped in preparation for the mark rounding. The spinnaker drops immediately in the light winds and unfortunately you no longer overlap *Slick Willie*! You immediately urge the skipper to "barge" into

the gap between *Slick Willie* and the leeward mark because *Happy Days* still has her inside rights inside the 2 length (80 foot) zone. However, the skipper of *Slick Willie* shouts, "No Room" and *Slick Willie* quickly must change course to avoid a collision with your *Happy Days* as you barge into the ever smaller gap at the mark. The skipper of *Slick Willie* shouts, "Protest", and you go to the protest hearing confident that *Happy Days* had properly established an overlap at the required two-boat length zone.

The Protest Committee hears your story as told by both you and your skipper, hears the story from the skipper from *Slick Willie* (who looks like your arch rival *Poulet Poop*!) and then disqualifies you and *Happy Days* for violation of rule 18.2.c "Not overlapped at the zone!" You are dumbfounded until the Protest Committee reminds you that the Rule Book defines the two length zone as "the area around a mark or obstruction within a distance of two hull lengths of the boat NEARER TO IT". Since *Slick Willie* was the NEARER boat, and she is only 20 feet long, your overlapped spinnaker was dropped outside her 40 FOOT ZONE. Since you did not keep clear as required by 18.2.c, (*Slick Willie* had to change course to avoid a collision) and you and *Happy Days* are out of the race!

You return to your home near Solomons Island after humbly apologizing to your friend, and vow to remember that the NEARER boat defines the length of the ZONE at a mark.

Another important lesson learned the hard way.

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

### Judge's Response

This month's Racer's Edge column demonstrates the importance of the two sections at the end of the racing rules book, Definitions and Race Signals. These two parts of the book are just as important as Part 2, which contains the rules about boats meeting on the race course.

The Definitions section has carefully crafted wording about the terms used throughout the rules, and some have changed long-standing ideas of the old rules. The two length zone used to be determined by the length of the longer of the two boats, but now the length of the nearer of the two decides the size of this critical zone.

The Race Signals section carries as much weight as any other part of the rule book, so familiarity with it can help you decide what a race committee is doing and what your response should be. Race Committees should regularly consult this section to make sure that they are using the correct visual and audible signals when announcing decisions to competitors.

Stovy Brown

## 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](http://www.smsa.com).

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**FOR SALE:** Sailboat - 1977 Boston Whaler Squall 9'2" \$1,200

Contact David Marchant, (410)394-1870  
cor93vette@aol.com (03-03)

**FOR SALE:** 1988 24' Penn Yan Heritage 248 I/O. 270 HP Crusader gas engine, Volvo

Duo-prop outdrive (reconditioned 7/2002), bimini with full camper top enclosure, swim platform, v-berth, galley, dinette, enclosed head, speedo, tach, trim ind, compass. \$12,000, all funds to Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation.  
Contact Stovy Brown, (410)586-1254  
stovy@chesapeake.net (03-03)

**FOR SALE:** 1978 26" Pearson sailboat, 7.5 HP Mercury OB, v-berth, dinette, enclosed porto-jon. Needs cosmetic work, but should clean up well. At \$3,500, priced to sell way below market. All funds to Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation.  
Contact Stovy Brown, (410)586-1254  
stovy@chesapeake.net (03-03)

**FOR SALE:** Albacore racing sailboat-all pieces are there, needs clean up. \$1,200.  
All funds to Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation  
Contact Carl Feusahrens, (410)394-6643  
feus@comcast.net (03-03)





## January 2003 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4 <i>SMSA Award's Banquet @ St. Mary's College - Cocktails 1830</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930</i>	10	11 <i>SMSA General Meeting @ Clubhouse - 0930</i>
12	13	14	15 <i>The Clew Deadline 2003 Memberships mailed (pending)</i>	16	17 <i>Ladies BUNCO night</i>	18 <i>Clubhouse Paint &amp; Touchup Day - 0930</i>
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## February 2003 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Cruising Program Planning meeting @ Clubhouse - 0930</i>
2	3	4	5	6 <i>BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> <i>2003 Membership Renewals due (pending)</i>	15 <i>RC Management Seminar @ Clubhouse - 0930</i> <b>Valentine's Brunch after Seminar</b> <i>The Clew Deadline</i>
16	17 <i>Presidents Day</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Racing Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1930</i> <i>Yearbook Inputs due</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	