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## COMMODORE

Our 2002 Awards Banquet held at St. Mary's College on January 6 began 2003 with a spectacular affair. My sailor's cap is off to all the volunteers who made this event such a great success. The food and decor of the "Great Room" set the stage for the long awaited presentation of awards. It was a special treat to see Stovy Brown receive the "Member of the Year Award" for all his efforts to support the goals of SMSA throughout the years.

With two resignations accepted during December and early January, the BOG made appointments to fill these positions at our January meeting. The ranks were filled with David Arbuthnot as the Cruise Governor and Rod Schroeder as the Membership Governor. Your treasurer provided an in depth discussion of the status of the budget for our 2003 sailing season and completed the detailed process of preparing a balanced budget.

Our winter General Meeting held on the January 11 was well attended. The results of the vote on the two motions concerning the renewal cycle and dues increase were tallied. For Motion 1 to change the billing period to 30 days from January 15 to

February 15, the vote was 154 in favor and 37 against. For the dues increase, the vote was 143 in favor and 48 against. There were 191 voting members out of a possible total of 340. The referendum showed that an overwhelming majority of voting members favored the dues increase and change in our dues renewal cycle. I am grateful to the tally committee for its diligent work in providing these numbers. Also, thanks to the many members who attended and provided inputs to the lively discussion.

Our next social event is the Cruise Planning meeting chaired by David Arbuthnot on February 1. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this time to help plan the cruises and to coordinate the cruising activity with the various races. Come out and share a brunch with us and make plans to participate in as many cruises as possible. Your Cruise Governor has more details in his article under the Cruise section of *The Clew*.

Your BOG welcomes all members to their next meeting on February 6. We hope to see many of you there.

Walt Rupp, Commodore  
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## VICE COMMODORE

I would like to thank all of the members who voted on the recent referendum, and especially those that chose to provide feedback related to the motions. The outcome was successful on both items. They will help to improve the timing of dues renewals and also to provide additional funds to operate the club successfully. Thanks for the confidence you have placed in your BOG to use *our* money wisely. Please continue to provide suggestions to BOG members so that we may all continue to improve our club.

One more item of note: There are a few trophies which have not yet made it into the hands of some very deserving recipients. Most of these awards are from 2002, and even a few from 2001. Please contact me or Clarke McKinney to pick those up the next time you attend a clubhouse function. While on the subject of trophies, even though it is only February, please remind yourself to bring back perpetual trophies on Opening Day so our trophy case is stocked for the summer!

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## PUBLICITY

You should now have received your SMSA 2003 renewal forms in the mail. Make sure all your information is correct and forward your check to Rod Schroeder no later than February 15. Information on the renewal is what we will use for your yearbook listing, and you don't want to be left out!

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS.** Anyone who would like to make a submission for consideration for cover art for the 2003 yearbook, get in touch with me. Last year's cover by Barbara Herbig had a 30th Anniversary theme. I'm not sure what to

suggest for this year, but I'm sure you'll think of something.

I've had several members hand me envelopes full of pictures for the upcoming yearbook. If you have one or more you would like to donate, get them to me soon. I need to use prints, so please give me your extra copies, as returning them may be difficult.

Marc Apter has joined our Publicity Committee, which currently includes Charlotte Mahood, Bridget McNamara and myself. Mainly, I want us to work on how we can attract new members. If you have any ideas and want to help, drop me a line.

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor  
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## SECRETARY

### APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING December 12, 2002

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

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynn Walker, John and Maggie Weir, David Arbuthnot, Jan Buckler, Stovy Brown, Jeff Kumke, Paul Grisso

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

#### Commodore's Opening Remarks

- Mission statement development: this will be put off to another night but please keep thinking.
- Conduct of the meeting: will conduct all reports but will save all treasurer/budget items to do at one time.

- Committee Lists: would like them to be in the yearbook; governors, please get them ready and submit them to the commodore.

- BOG Calendar: Laura Comeau briefed on upcoming events - Saturday, December 14 - Christmas gathering at the clubhouse; January 9, 2003 - next BOG meeting; and January 11, 2003 – Winter General Meeting.

- Confirmation Vote for Membership Governor: the action to vote for confirmation of Jay Hanks as the membership governor was taken from the table. The vote was unanimous to confirm Jay Hanks as the 2003 Membership Governor.

- Status of e-vote on November 7, 2002 BOG meeting minutes: minutes were approved with one opposition.

**Treasurer** - Jim Keen reported our financial status as of December 12, 2002. We have \$2,271.34 cash on hand in checking and \$66,982 in the Money Market account. With \$4,900 estimated expenses through the rest of the year, he projects a net operating result (income minus expenses) of about \$3,900 for 2002. This is much better than previously anticipated and is a result of the 2002 BOG's good attention to fiscal discipline, coupled with savings of about 50% on this year's racing and cruising awards. Barbara Herbig, the 2002 Vice Commodore, did a good job in locating a trophy vendor in North Carolina that has very reasonable prices. The net operating surplus will allow us to retire a good bit of the approximately \$7,000 deficit that we have been carrying over from year-to-year recently. The treasurer and David Arbuthnot met with Dan Long (CPA) recently to discuss taxes. Mr. Long agreed to help find a tax attorney who specializes in non-profit 501(c)(7) organizations. Jim's plan is to work in conjunction with the CPA and the tax attorney to resolve our non-profit status/financial issues. He is also working on an abatement to relieve the ~ 10K late filing fees the club owes to the IRS for FY 99 and FY 00 taxes. Past tax status: 1999 and 2000 taxes have been filed and paid (both interest and penalties [**the \$10k in late filing fees (plus interest) were paid to the IRS subsequent to the 12 Dec BOG meeting.**] 2001 filed on time, paid a little late; and the 2002 estimated taxes paid.

Therefore, we are up to date except for the \$10K issue [**which is also now resolved as of 9 Jan 03**]. John Walker asked to ensure we do not have to pay Maryland tax on any SMSA funds. Jim deferred to the previous treasurer, David Arbuthnot. David said it was his understanding that 501(c)(7) organizations were not required to file or pay Maryland state income tax. Jim will follow up to confirm this.

*Question:* Charlotte Mahood asked how the finances work when we run out of funds in the checking account.

*Answer:* A brief discussion followed. David Arbuthnot explained that he paid several bills after the new funds (for the next year) started coming in, but back-posted the expense items to December to show when they were actually incurred.

The Commodore requested that we move one item of new business to this portion of the meeting since Jan Buckler has another obligation and must leave early. Jan has been appointed the PP&C committee chairperson and has been directed with several specific tasks:

- Clarification of the by-laws wording stating when the new BOG officially takes office and can take official action.

- Review past minutes and policies of previous BOG's and document and present a list of policies adopted to this BOG.

- Make motions approved in the September General Membership Meeting ready for inclusion in the by-laws for 2003.

- Requested that Jan get a tally committee ready for the January 11, 2003 General Meeting.

**Vice Commodore** - The Vice Commodore had nothing to report, but thanked all of the on-the-water governors for getting their budget information to the Treasurer.

**Race** – The Race Governor reported that the race committee boat has undergone some repair and is scheduled for more. He also hopes to have a group of people to help get the bay race marks out next weekend. He also is planning to make an inventory of all the RC equipment (on the boat....) and perform any needed maintenance on these

items. He reported that an “RC Management Seminar” would be held on March 29, 2003 at the Holly II building. This is a U.S. Sailing seminar to be led by Bruce Bingman. More details will be forthcoming on this event.

**Cruise** – The Cruise Governor reported that he had three new committee members: the Goodmans, and Marc Delaverne. He stated that the cruise committee had its first meeting the previous Monday and four cruise leaders for the six long cruises have been selected.

**Junior** – The Junior Governor reported that he plans to have eight weeks of summer camps. Money has been set aside for coaches, high school sailing, maintenance of the boats and trailers. There will be three counselors, one Level I coach and two assistants. He has contacted Adam Werblow (at SMCM) and U.S. Sailing looking for instructors. Thus far he has had no response from Eric Gyorgy, last years head counselor, and they have one interview arranged.

*Question:* John Walker asked whether or not any non-members would be permitted to participate in the Junior Program this year.

*Answer:* The Junior Governor stated that all Junior Program participants would become junior members in accordance with SMSA by-laws.

**Women’s** – The Women’s Governor reported that the May 16, 2003 Tactics seminar might be moved to the Holly II building. She also reported that she has requested an increased budget.

**Rear Commodore** – The Rear Commodore had nothing to report – too busy trying to be a secretary.

**Social** – Special invitations are being sent to active Founding/Charter Members as well as Emeritus members offering a reduced price for the Awards Banquet. In addition, a special invitation is being sent to the first commodore, Al Tucker. Should Al and Barbara decide to attend, fees for their dinner will be waived. An invitation has also been extended to Maggie O’Brien, the President of St. Mary’s College of Maryland. Jim Keen asked about the need for the 2003 Birthday Party since we are doing something special for the SMSA 30th birthday at the banquet. The Social Governor invited comments, thoughts and suggestions from

the BOG and membership on this matter before a final decision is made.

**Publicity** – The Publicity Governor reported that he is receiving pictures and information for the yearbook. He stated that Bridget McNamara and Charlotte Mahood are helping. He is continuing to sell yearbook advertisements, and Charlotte has agreed to help with acquiring advertisements. He raised the possibility of getting an official sponsor for *The Clew* to try to offset the publication costs. A brief discussion followed, which brought up, again, the non-member income issue. It currently costs \$30 a year for each subscription to *The Clew*; more discussion followed.

*A suggestion* was made by Stovy Brown that we get a handle on all other costs before we do something new like this.

*Question:* Carl asked about the procedures for updating the SMSA website.

*Answer:* It was reported that Dan Shannon was the “official” Webmaster, and, as a member of the publicity committee, updates will go to/through him. It was noted that Stew Buckler performs updates for formal and informal big boat racing and Don Behrens performs the updates for the small boat-racing program.

**Facilities** – The Facilities Governor reported that the cleaning people have been showing up and doing a great job. LCYC left the clubhouse a bit dirty after their last event, due to the fact that they had no mops. The Facilities Governor has since purchased mops. LCYC also left a sliding door on the porch open Friday night. The facilities governor thinks that we might need more storage and will approach Matt Gambrill about some more shed storage. He reported that after the Christmas party the icebox in the kitchen would be cleaned out completely. He plans to clean the upstairs office right after January 1. He has received a request for use of the clubhouse on May 24, 2003 for Marc DeLaVerne’s wedding reception. Some discussion ensued, as there was a conflict with a High School regatta. The Junior Program agreed to move this event to May 10. The request was approved for Marc’s use of the clubhouse.

**Membership** – The Membership Governor presented several applications for membership:

John McKinney and family, sponsored by Clarke McKinney, as a rejoin – approved; David Troyer, sponsored by Shawn Stanley, as a rejoin – approved; and Ron Finch, sponsored by Frank King.

The commodore called for a 5-minute recess. The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

### **Old Business**

**Two motions sent out to the Membership** – The Commodore would like to have some of the by-laws changes available for the membership at the Winter General Meeting or to be sent out with the membership renewals; this will depend upon how quickly Jan can review the by-laws, provide text to the BOG for a vote, and the BOG can have them printed.

**Charlotte brought up the issue of pro-rating membership dues for members that join mid-way through the year.** Some discussion ensued, and then the ‘orders of the day’ was invoked to defer this topic to the next BOG meeting.

**Jim Keen motioned to untable John Walker’s motion from the November BOG meeting.** This motion was an “Oath to Support By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation” especially in regard to our not-for-profit status. Lots of discussion followed – sections of the by-laws and Articles of Incorporation were read in an attempt to clarify the not-for-profit issue. Stovy discussed the issue of not-for-profit as meaning that, no money was being sent to member’s pockets, not that the club could not retain earnings (e.g. the junior program might lose money this year, make money next year and so on – the hope being in the end it breaks even).

*Motion:* The original motion was reread and a vote was taken.

*Result:* The motion was defeated 10-1 with 2 abstentions.

### **New Business**

**2002 Preliminary Budget** - The Treasurer led the BOG through the 2003 proposed budget, program by program, using rolled up numbers (each program’s bottom line income/expenses) that had been provided by respective Governors. He would

like to have line-by-line details from each governor by the end of the month, if he doesn’t already have them. After the first pass through the budget – it was \$231 in the red. After a short bit of negotiation it was balanced. The estimated deficit of \$2,500 will be carried over into FY 03. Jim proposed that the BOG make a decision on whether to insert a line item expense in the budget to pay off the carry-over deficit through belt tightening throughout the year, to work at decreasing that deficit through a positive NOR. The later method was tacitly decided upon.

*Motion:* Carl Feusahrens motioned that this preliminary budget be approved as presented.

*Result:* The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed with two abstentions. (Two abstained due to the “balanced” term in the by-laws.)

**e-Clew** - Shawn brought up the idea of the club transitioning to e-Clew as the primary method of receiving *The Clew* instead of a hardcopy of *The Clew*. Much discussion followed on the cost reductions that would be realized and how much quicker *The Clew* could get out. It was decided that this idea should be floated to the membership and some additional discussion pursued before making any changes.

**Member BOG meeting attendance** - Charlotte thanked the members in attendance at the meeting and indicated that she thought it was good that members came to the meeting to see what is going on and provide input.

**2003 Membership Renewal Form** - A request was made that the Membership Governor bring the new membership form to the next meeting. Some discussion followed on the difficulty of this because of the undecided motions out to the membership. The Membership Governor indicated that he would follow up on this topic.

**Commodore’s Closing Remarks:** Thank you all for coming and providing inputs to the BOG meeting and best wishes for the Holiday Season.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Submitted by Don Behrens, Rear Commodore  
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## UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association  
2003 Board of Governors Meeting  
Thursday, February 6, 2003 7:30 p.m.  
Draft Agenda**

### **Commodore-**

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations

### **Secretary –**

Minutes from 12 December 2002 BOG meeting - status  
Minutes from 6 January 2003 BOG meeting - status

### **Treasurer –**

Financial Report -  
Budget Discussion - Quarterly taxes

### **Vice Commodore - On the Water - Calendar update**

Race Governor – Race Programs - Frostbite series  
Cruise Governor- Report on Cruise Scheduling Meeting  
Junior Governor – Outline Program Plans  
Women's Program Governor – Program Plans development status

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

Social – Plans for SMSA calendar  
Publicity –Year Book plans/dead lines  
Facilities- Condition report  
Membership- SMSA membership renewal mailing - status

### **Old Business -**

Membership Renewal Form  
Issues/prorating of memberships  
Clew publication policy  
P&PC recommended bylaws changes - status.  
Report from Facilities Committee

### **New Business -**

New Facilities Plans motion  
Junior Program opportunities  
Subscription-to-Publication Fee discussion

### **Commodore -**

Closing Remarks

### **Adjourn**

## TREASURER

The winter Business Meeting is behind us, and from my view, it was a great success. For those that were unable to attend, you should know that you were well represented by a large, vocal, and highly spirited group of your fellow members. I believe we had some very good dialogue, and we received excellent feedback on how folks felt about things, as well as ideas for process improvements. As reported in the Commodore's report, the two proposed by-laws changes passed. These two changes will go a long way toward helping us plan better for the upcoming year's schedule of activities, as well as ensure that we have the funds that will allow us to properly execute the ever-growing array of activities that we all enjoy. In addition, the dues increase will help us pay off the remains of prior year deficits (while hedging against future deficits), provide some cushion to mitigate any unexpected costs (like major RC boat repairs, for example), and help protect our 501(c)(7) tax-exempt status by improving our member to non-member revenue ratio.

I was happy to report at the Business Meeting that we closed out the fiscal year with a Net Operating Result (NOR- income minus expenses) of plus \$4,507.00. The surplus was due to a combination of many factors: good planning and excellent fiscal discipline exercised by the 2002 BOG, as well as the unusual lack of pop-up, unexpected expenses. Barbara Herbig and Laura Comeau particularly are to be commended for their part in keeping expenses down. Barbara identified a trophy vendor that saved us approximately one-half of that

budgeted for awards, and Laura Comeau saved 30% of the social program budget. The surplus allowed us to pay off a substantial portion of prior years' deficit carry over, and we started off the new year with a modest deficit of \$751.00.

As required by the by-laws when turning over treasurer duties, we had an audit performed, and it was completed January 6, 2003. The auditors, from Aske, Aske & Associates, CPA, LLC, looked at our financial processes and procedures, bookkeeping, budgeting and internal controls. While providing some good suggestions for minor improvements, they reported that we are in compliance with good accounting practices for a small non-profit club, and our processes are thorough.

As has been discussed in prior issues of *The CLEW*, as well as other forums, SMSA's tax situation as a 501(c)(7) social club has been a source of some "churn" as we struggled to get our arms around a complex tax situation. Upon the advice of a well-experienced tax attorney, we abandoned the attempt to obtain waivers/abatement and paid off the balance of the late filing fees and interest that we owed for prior years. The remainder of challenges with regard to our 501(c)(7) status will be taken up with the help of our Treasury Committee, which includes John Weir, David Arbuthnot, Stovy Brown, LG Raley, Max Munger, and me.

The last topic of discussion at the Business Meeting was the 2003 budget. We presented a balanced budget that reflects the anticipated (since passed) dues increase as well as an increase in big boat racing fees. As mentioned above, there was lots of spirited discussion about the budget and the dues increase. The consensus from that discussion, coupled with the large margin of votes approving the dues increase, provided some clear "rudder" to the BOG on where the membership desires to take SMSA as we move into 2003 and beyond.

Jim Keen, Treasurer  
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## RACE

The SMSA Race Program needs your help. At the January 11 General Meeting I distributed, for the first time, sign up sheets for scheduling Race Committees for the Frostbite Series and the Wednesday Night and Weekend Races. There were only a few that reserved a date that insures them of less conflict in their schedule. I'm keeping a list of interested helpers as well as those signing up for chairing a day or days of Race Committee. All racers should expect to fill in doing committee work.

Don't miss the chance to sharpen your RC skills at the USSA (US Sailing) Race Management Seminar on March 29. Plan to attend an all-day seminar. Attendees should plan on buying a workbook to help cover the material being covered. Contact LG Raley or Keith Jacobs to reserve your space and booklet at this informative seminar. See more details elsewhere in *The Clew*.

A RC Boat Clean and Prep Day is scheduled for February 17, President's Day. Zahniser's will allow SMSA to work on the hauled boat only on weekdays. Plans are to start at 1:00 p.m. and to work through the afternoon. The majority of the work will be onboard going through the safety and race equipment, not painting or scraping. Some cleaning should be planned for. Please call me at (410) 326-2600 to confirm your interest to help.

Hopefully, by the time you have a chance to read this, the Rhumb Punch crew will have some good stories to tell from their adventure at Key West Race Week. I'll try to include some highlights next month.

Clarke McKinney, Race Governor  
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### Attention Frostbite Racers

Some very good sailors in the Pax River Sail Club wish to crew for anyone that may need crew

for the Spring Frostbite series. Please contact Charlene Moody at MoodyCM@navair.navy.mil

## SAILING SEMINARS

### US Sailing Seminar

SMSA and the SPLC Race Committee are sponsoring a one-day US Sailing Race Management Basics class for Club Race Officer designation. "The big benefit is to raise the bar for all RC members," says Taran Teague. The class will be lead by Dr. Bruce Bingman and Taran Teague, and is open to all members of US Sailing. Dr. Bingman is a certified US Sailing Instructor and brings a wealth of experience to share with us. Dr. Bingman experience includes Yachting Olympic Race Committee, SRYC Race Committee Chair, RRBC Race Committee Chair, Whitbread Race Committee, Volvo Race Committee, Kenwood Cup Race Committee, Screwpile Challenge Race Committee, CBYRA Race Management Instructor, US Sailing Club Race Officer and US Sailing Certified Race Management Instructor.

Taran Teague is a US Sailing Senior Race Officer and holds official certification as a US Sailing Regional Race Officer. She has served as a judge on both land committees and on-the-water judging and has recently passed the certification test as a US Sailing Certified Judge. Taran served as PRO on the north course in Screwpile 2002.

The class will be held March the 29, 2003 all day at the Holly II Building's Chesapeake Room located on the 4th floor. The address is 44427 Airport Road, California, Maryland. Seating is limited so please make your reservations early.

You may purchase some of the materials ("Race Management Handbook" & "Joining the Race Committee") directly from US Sailing: [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org). The study questions are on their website. Because we think this is important,

the Screwpile RC will cover the US Sailing estimated fee for all attendees.

Please call either Keith Jacobs at (301) 862-4183 extension 221 or Email: [kjacob@jfti.com](mailto:kjacobs@jfti.com) or L.G. Raley SPLC Chairman at (301) 862-3100 or email: [lgaley@wildewood.com](mailto:lgaley@wildewood.com) for more information. If you are not a member of US Sailing and would like to attend please just give us a call or email us.

### SAILING FUNDAMENTALS CLASS

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be presenting a class on the fundamentals of sailing -- Everything about it that can be taught in a classroom, all one needs to know to step into a boat and sail it -- Just what perhaps you would like some of your friends, family, frequent guests to know.

Another consideration: The State of Maryland requires the operator every power boat (which includes sailboats under power) born after July 1972 to have a certificate of completion of an approved boating safety course. This is such a course and the certificate will be awarded on completion on completion of the course.

The course will be taught at Patuxent High School in Lusby, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings starting March 4 for 8 weeks. Cost is \$30.

Contact Frank King at (410) 326-2504 for more information.

## CRUISE

### CRUISE PLANNING MEETING

Following John Walker's resignation as Cruise Governor, I was appointed by Commodore Rupp and elected by the BOG on January 9. John had already selected an excellent Cruise Committee and planning was well underway. I hope to work with the same committee and continue planning where John left off.



The annual Cruise Planning Meeting will be Saturday, February 1 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Coffee, juice and bagels/donuts will be available upon arrival. The meeting will conclude with simple lunch makings. All cruisers and would-be-cruisers are invited to attend to give input on the proposed cruises. We need cruise leaders, especially for the shorter cruises, and we will discuss destinations and other plans.

So far, we are planning a three week cruise again to North Carolina in May, a two week cruise ending the Fourth of July weekend, a three week cruise to Long Island Sound beginning Labor Day weekend, and a one week cruise to the Choptank in late September. Plenty of destinations for every taste.

Come share your thoughts, sign up to be a cruise leader, and enjoy the company. We particularly encourage racers to come find out what cruising is all about.

David Arbuthnot, Cruise Governor  
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## JUNIOR PROGRAM

The past month has been pleasant enough with several meetings that resulted in positive actions being taken by the BOG. None of these decisions are easy to make but these volunteers have the best interests of the club at heart. One change I want to mention is that junior memberships have now risen to \$50.00. However, when you think about it, I feel strongly that this is still a bargain! There was a general membership meeting too, and although we heard lots of different opinions, there was ultimately consensus on the really important items.

And speaking of pleasant experiences, I would be remiss not to mention the delightful SMSA Awards dinner where the food was great; the company interesting and green armbands were the norm.

You can dress sailors up, but don't ever forget to give them their alcohol armband!

I'd like to congratulate Stovy Brown who was recognized as Member of the Year. He really earned this tribute with his dedication to the sailing team, his organization of the Foundation, and his willingness to support the junior program and just about anything else that is good for this club. We are lucky to have a guy like Stovy who is willing to serve on committees, figure out new ways to raise funds for needed equipment, and travel around the state with the sailing team.

Now as far as junior business goes, the news is good. We have an approved budget that will provide funding for our summer camps. This year the camps will offer campers books that they can keep to begin their sailing library. And each week I'll be seeking an SMSA member willing to come to the camp and share sea stories with the campers. There will also be the need for one "big boat" experience each week, so spread the word to all your cruising or racing friends that we need their assistance. This summer we will host about 100 children and we anticipate a wonderful time!

Don't forget that camp registration is set for Thursday, March 20 at the clubhouse beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration is on a first come, first served basis so make plans to be there!

If you need more information about camp visit our website in about a week or two. Dan Shannon, "webmaster extraordinaire" is hard at work updating the junior section that explains a typical camp experience and details costs and requirements.

Dave Pedersen, Junior Governor  
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## WOMEN'S PROGRAM

SMSA sailors, please note below the date changes for various seminars and the addition of a new

seminar on Sail Construction. Also, look for Frank King's article on a boat safety class. I recommend those who have never taken the class/course do so! PLEASE NOTE: Both racing rules seminars will be presented at the same time. You only need to come to one seminar. I am still waiting to hear from NOAA concerning a weather seminar.

#### DATE CHANGES FOR SEMINARS:

Saturday, February 15 Race Committee Management Seminar – *Cancelled*

Friday, February 21 Racing Rules Seminar - *Time Change to 6:30 p.m.*

Saturday, March 1 Lasso Instruction – *Cancelled*  
Will start March 8.

Saturday, March 8: Racing Rules Seminar: *Date change to March 1 at the clubhouse at 9:30 a.m.* - Protest Procedures to follow after lunch.

Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse - Sail Construction presented by Clarke McKinney.

Boat Biographies: we are hearing from cruisers – racers, let's hear from you!

Charlotte Mahood, Women's Governor  
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#### Boat Bios

*Swan* is our 362 Sabre performance cruiser/sailboat. *Swan* has seen us through many exciting adventures, like south to the Bahama Islands for two 6-month winter get-a-ways. From our experiences cruising south, Ken authored a how-to book titled *Chance the Tide* (ISBN 1-57409-147-6). We sailed north as far as Block Island and up and down Long Island Sound for 6 weeks. We even sailed both ways of the ICW through New Jersey.

We chose the name *Swan* because it is only 4 letters, the KISS principle. Ellie has carved four swans at the Calvert Marine Museum Wood Carving Guild and wanted to honor the finest yacht ever built in our modern times--the *Swan* out of Scandinavia. Ellie feels like her yacht moves through the water like a beautiful *Swan*.

Our sailing goes back about 40 years, mostly in the Midwest where we raced "one design" sailboats on inland lakes. Our winters were spent ice sailing/racing. Other names for our boats you'll find interesting; *Puff* (from the magic dragon song); *Gungy* (she was that); *Star* (also to honor the finest one design); *Nimble* (she was that J-24); *Osprey* (perfect for the Chesapeake Bay); *Fate* (Prof. Tate the movie the "Great Race"); and, America-Ice Boats you can really jazz up.

Ellie and Ken Mowbray

*Cat Morgan* is our boat, an Edel Catamaran 35' long, 20' wide, 3' draft, fractional rigged sloop with 725 square feet of sail area. Displacement as sailed on the Bay is 10,500 lbs, full cruise is 12,000 lbs. Each hull has one single berth, one double berth and one head. The center hull contains the galley and electronics. The cockpit has a permanent full bimini that can be completely enclosed in bad weather. We chose a 10 hp four stroke outboard over the twin diesel option because it is lighter, takes up little room, does not heat or stink up the cabin. It gets over 10 miles per gallon, and motors over 6.5 knots. For safety, the two 22 gallon gasoline tanks are in separate watertight compartments, and the motor is outside of the boat. There are a total of 12 watertight compartments. Solar panels supply all of our electrical needs as well as about 8 gallons of water per day from the water maker. Propane powers our stove and refrigerator. The entire galley section is above the water and vented out the bottom, so there is little danger of gas build up. There are about 300 of the Edel 35's worldwide, most in the tropics. Although the boats were intended for

the charter trade, if kept light, they do very well in offshore racing. The most common question we get is how fast? In 10 knots of wind at 30 degrees apparent, we will go 6 knots, beam reach at 7.5 knots, and run at 6 knots. We are relatively unaffected by hull speed. The fastest we have been at 30 degrees apparent is 11 knots in 22 knots true wind. The fastest off the wind was 18.5 knots with a spinnaker. Crossing the Gulf Stream on the way to Bermuda we averaged 14.5 knots for over 2 hours. And, no, we have never lifted a hull or felt in danger of turning over. In heavy weather we simply slow down to 6 or 7 knots and relax.

Jack and Nikki Goodman

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

It occurred to me that a *DID YOU KNOW* column might be beneficial to all members. It would be brief and follow-up would be done personally, either by phone, e-mail, or in person.

An example would be: Do you have Edison steering - most do. Did you know there is a small screw behind the pedestal about half way down that is critical to your boat? While backing into a slip that small screw popped out unknown to me. When I throttled back the RPM to go into forward gear to stop the boat, it went faster in reverse. WHY: That small screw holds the ends of the throttle and transmission linkages. Without that screw securely in place, the controls do not behave as expected. To make a long story short, I ramped the dock, ruined a swim ladder and had a very upset husband.

Another example: Algae in the fuel tank. With a little water in the bottom of the fuel tank, sulfur-reducing bacteria will grow at the oil/water interface. The bacterial colonies grow to a size sufficient to clog fuel filters and diesel injectors. I had to have my fuel tank scraped and cleaned - not an inexpensive item. Preventive measure: add an algacide fuel additive every time you fill your tanks. It is also a good idea to check your Raycor filter regularly.

*The CLEW* is for the members benefit. YOU, the members, have a wealth of knowledge. Don't be shy - For every person who says, "Charlotte you should have known these things," I can say I do now and want to share them with you. YOUR TURN!!

Send your *DID YOU KNOW* articles to feus@comcast.net before the 15th of every month.

Charlotte Mahood  
Women's Governor

### **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 8, 16 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse  
LIMITED SPACE RSVP  
Charly2616@aol.com

## **SOCIAL**

I'm happy to report that the Awards Banquet for the 2002 season, conducted on January 4, 2003, was a great success! Thanks in part to the wonderful staff at St. Mary's College of Maryland and Bon Appetit, as well as *Round Midnite* and our SMSA volunteers. I would especially like to thank Lois Zonderman, Shawn Stanley and Rebeckah Stanley for all of their help that evening. Thank you to Merrie Ruth Raley who was kind enough to provide us with the decorative greenery for the tables. Kudos to Jim Young, Barbara Herbig, Shawn Stanley and Walt Rupp for their great work during the evening as speakers and presenters. In addition to dinner and the array of awards being presented, Founding and Emeritus Members were

recognized as “special attendees” in honor of SMSA’s 30th Birthday. Congratulations to all those who won racing and cruising awards and also to Stovy Brown who was named Member of the Year.

The General Meeting held on January 11, 2003 was positive and well attended. The brunch that followed offered many tasty dishes and desserts from our members. Thank you all for being so generous! I would like to thank everyone who helped the brunch run smoothly and offered assistance throughout the morning. Special thanks go to Carol Smith, Nikki Goodman, Pat Marchant, Mary Anne McKinney and, my wonderful sidekick Shawn Stanley.

As always, I welcome any suggestions you wish to offer related to the Social Program. As with any SMSA program, its success does not rely solely with the commitment and dedication of the program Governor, input from members is also important.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Saturday, February 15, 2003: Valentines Brunch: This event has been Cancelled.**

Due to the cancellation of the RC Management Seminar, the Valentine’s Brunch, which was to occur immediately following this seminar, has been cancelled.

#### **SMSA’s 31st Birthday Party - March 8, 2003 at the clubhouse.**

Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. This year’s event will include a catered dinner and not simply heavy hors d’oeuvres. Having just recognized the Club’s 30th birthday at the Awards Banquet, the intent this year is to conduct a simple, scaled down, yet enjoyable event. **RSVP’s required by February 24, 2003.** The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person. See the enclosed invitation for event details.

Laura Comeau, Social Governor

bluesky@tqci.net, (301) 737-4201

## MEMBERSHIP

By the time you read this issue of *The Clew*, you should have already received your notice for membership renewal in the mail – and hopefully already returned it. The renewals are due on 15 January and are considered in arrears after 30 days. If you have not received your notice, please give me a call or email me so that we can get the necessary paperwork underway. Your renewal package also contains provisions for a 2003 seasonal entry for the race program if desired. I urge all of you to return your paperwork and dues for the 2003 sailing year as early as possible so that we can finalize our budget and fine-tune the activities planned for the year. Thanks in advance for your prompt consideration.

As we begin gearing up for a new sailing season, this is a great time for current members to be on the lookout for prospective new members. Perhaps some of your co-workers are new to the area or may not be aware of our Club activities. Keeping a copy of the yearbook and/or a recent issue of *The Clew* around your office for “show & tell” is good advertisement and might stimulate some interest for new members.

SMSA welcomes back David Troyer to our ranks. David’s boat *Krugerrand*, a Morgan 366, is slipped at Hospitality Harbour in Solomons. David hopes to be a force to be reckoned with on the big boat race course this year. Good Luck, David.

Rod Schroeder, Membership Governor  
rodschroeder@comcast.net, (410) 326-0167

## EDITOR’S NOTE

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

**Saturday, February 15 at 5:00 p.m.**

E-mail: feus@comcast.net

Snail Mail: Lisa Feusahrens  
PO Box 591  
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

One cold January day I had the pleasure to meet Poulet Poop, who is as everyone knows the hardnosed skipper of *Wee Willie*, at the SMSA clubhouse. Poulet Poop and I of course discussed sailboat racing and soon began a discussion of an article we both read in the January 2003 edition of *SpinSheet*. This article was fascinating, informative, and prophetic to both of us, and deserves some discussion here as it impacts all yacht racing.

It seems that Wednesday evening, August 28, 2002, Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) was hosting another of their Wednesday Night Race Series with about 90 boats racing in a stiff northerly of about 20 knots of wind. Because of the "good" winds, the race committee set up the racecourse so the boats could finish in Spa Creek in front of AYC just prior to the bridge. Annapolis city owns 40 moorings in the vicinity of the finish line, and these moorings are usually occupied by vessels as the racing boats jockey nearby for position on the finish line. Thus the problem: "good" strong breezes, and dozens of racing boats, most carrying spinnakers, all converging on a finish line that is partially blocked by moorings occupied by vessels.

*Gusto*, a brand new Nordhavn 35 Trawler was occupying one of these moorings when the owner/skipper, Mr. MacNeill noticed three racing boats heading straight for this bow! A J/105, *Suddenly Sixty* skippered by Dr. Jack Kushner, was one of these three boats and the closest to *Gusto*. All three sailboats were on starboard tack and *Suddenly Sixty* was to weather (presumably overlapped) of the other two boats. *Suddenly Sixty* asked for room to port, didn't get it, and so attempted to change course to starboard to cross in front of and to the port side of the Trawler. Unfortunately, she didn't make it!

*Suddenly Sixty* caught the mooring line of the Trawler in her rudder, was stopped immediately, and then had a series of minor but damaging collisions with the Trawler as the wind and chop caused *Suddenly Sixty* to flounder near the bow of the Trawler. Damage was done to the Trawler (and presumably the J/105, the mooring line was cut (by a crewman's knife from the J/105), and the Trawler was set adrift to find another mooring. The skipper of *Suddenly Sixty* then powered to his slip but assumed all financial responsibility, and Zahnizers here in Solomons quickly patched up the new Nordhavn 35 Trawler.

What can be learned from this sad experience? First, the skipper of *Suddenly Sixty* was fined \$100 by the Department of Natural Resources (the water police) for failure to avoid a collision. He of course put his boat, his crew, and the boats of others in peril by not responding sooner to the impending collision. He essentially put his boat and crew into a position where there was no way out. All of us that skipper and crew on racing boats MUST always be alert to these situations and be PROACTIVE - safety first. Secondly, AYC is now going to change the finish line when "stiff" winds are likely to cause dangerous high-speed congestion in the crowded harbor (what about SMSA's finishes at Z's?) and finish away from Spa Creek despite the popularity of the Spa Creek finish line by the spectators. And thirdly, the bad publicity that AYC got in the Annapolis community is a blow to boating and racing. Yes,

AYC has made changes, but ALL clubs that sponsor races need to look at their racecourses and determine whether there is undue danger to non-racing vessels and possibly human beings. (Back Creek finishes at Z's? Frostbite starts and finishes?)

And finally, the skipper of the J/105, Dr. Kushner, was expelled from further Wednesday night racing ... an AYC decision he is appealing. Both Poulet Poop and I concluded that "there but for the grace of God goes SMSA" and urge all SMSA skippers and crew to always race hard ... but always race safely!

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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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Contact L. G. Raley, (301) 373-5700 (04-03)

**FOR SALE:** Auto Helm 4000 Wheel autopilot. Suitable for sailboat of displacement less than 15,000 pounds. I have upgraded to the 4000 MkII model. This older version is in good condition with the motor/belt unit having been replaced last year at a cost of \$300. Unit is for sale at \$300. Contact John Bailey, (410) 326-3115 or at [bailey@baileywick.org](mailto:bailey@baileywick.org) (04-03)

**FOR SALE:** Sailboat - 1977 Boston Whaler Squall 9'2" \$1,200  
Contact David Marchant, (410) 394-1870  
[cor93vette@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:feus@comcast.net) (03-03)

## February 2003 – SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Cruise Planning Meeting @ Clubhouse - 0930 LCYC BOV Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1400
2	3	4	5	6 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 2003 Membership Renewals Due Valentine's Day	15 <i>The Clew Deadline</i>
16	17 RC Boat Clean & Prep Day 1300 – Call Clarke to sign up! Presidents Day	18	19	20	21 Racing Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse – 1830 Yearbook Inputs Due	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

## March 2003 – SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Racing Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse – 0930 (repeat of Feb 21 seminar)
2 The Wharf Spring Frostbite Races – RC J. Keen	3	4	5	6 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930	7	8 SMSA Birthday Party
9 The Wharf Spring Frostbite Races – RC J. Weir	10	11	12	13 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	14 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430 Tides Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1930	15 Nautical Flea Market <i>The Clew Deadline</i>
16 The Wharf Spring Frostbite Races – RC S. Stanley	17	18	19	20 High School Sailing Practice & Potluck Supper @ Clubhouse Junior Pgm. Summer Camp Registration @ Clubhouse - 1830	21 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430	22
23 The Wharf Spring Frostbite Races – RC <b>still needed!!</b>	24	25	26	27 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430	28 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430	29 US Sailing Race Mgt. Seminar @ Holly II Clubhouse Spring Clean-up
30	31					



Southern Maryland Sailing Association  
 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration  
 Saturday, March 8, 2003  
 SMSA Clubhouse

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.  
 Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Cheese & Crackers  
 Baked Bread  
 Salad  
 Italian Pasta Dishes  
 Special Birthday Cake served for dessert

Come and enjoy this casual dining experience  
 while socializing with fellow club members!

\$20.00 per person  
 RSVP by February 24, 2003 to 301-737-4201

Make checks payable to **SMSA** and mail to:  
 Laura Comeau  
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