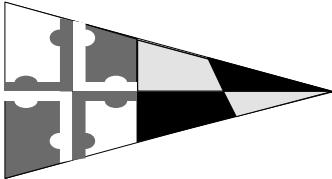


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COMMODORE

It was a cold winter wind that blew across the hills of Arlington Cemetery as the Army Chaplain conducted the graveside ceremony and the Honor Guard fired a 21-gun salute in honor of our departed sailing friends. Paul and Anna Grisso, who were interned on March 4, 2003 after a tragic automobile accident claimed their lives. Paul served in the U. S. Army during World War II. These two fellow shipmates were a dynamic couple who gave spirit to our SMSA cruising program. They will be sorely missed among our sailing ranks.

The Capital Planning Committee continues to review options since its establishment at the last BOG meeting. Efforts continue to review possible sites and to develop a financial approach to afford the committee recommendations. The Capital Planning Committee has as its goal the presentation of a complete package for membership review by our Annual Meeting in September 2003. The BOG will be monitoring the Committee progress through monthly reports.

At our next BOG meeting we will be reviewing policy recommendations from the P&PC and hearing a report presented by the Public Relations Governor on *The Clew* publication policy.

Check the calendar on the back of *The Clew* for the various SMSA activities. Our Opening Day ceremonies take place on April 5 and I hope to see many members and friends gathered around the flagpole to celebrate this occasion. The first cruise and the first of the Zahniser's Wednesday Night Races begin this month. Ashore seminars and spring races fill out our SMSA April calendar.

Your Board of Governors welcomes all members to their next meeting on April 3. The draft agenda for our April BOG follows in this issue of *The Clew*. Please review it for topics of interest. We hope to see many SMSA members in attendance.

Walt Rupp, Commodore
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SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING March 6, 2003

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:
Walt Rupp, Shawn Stanley, Don Behrens, Dave Pedersen, Charlotte Mahood, Carl Feusahrens, Laura Comeau, Jim Keen, Rod Schroeder, David Arbuthnot, Clarke McKinney

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Stratton, Maggie Weir, John Weir, Dan Shannon

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Commodore's Opening Remarks

- We have lost three sailing friends in the last few months. Tim will be setting aside three pages for a memorial to Paul and Anna Grisso and Nuran Miller. Charlotte inquired about adding Doris Hooper in the memorial. Walt will contact Bill Hooper regarding this.

Treasurer –

- The treasurer reported that we have \$21,930 in our checking account and \$54,758 in our money market account. Our revenue, so far this year, is \$35,732, of which we have spent \$15,002, which is a little ahead of our budgeted spend plan. We are \$1,836 behind in membership dues renewal at this time. In the February 23 revised budget, \$3,500 was subtracted from the projected income (projected membership dues), and the commensurate expenses were subtracted from several governors' budgets. If there are no problems with the newly revised governors' budgets, we will consider Version 5 dated February 23 as our balanced budget. [There were no objections voiced.]

- After consultation with Askey, Askey & Associates (our new accountants), it was determined that we are, in fact, required to pay Maryland state taxes. Our former accountant, Mr. Dan Long, has figured the Maryland state income

taxes for 1999/2000/2001 and concluded that we owe \$3,048 for those years—not counting interest or penalties. We will send a cover letter along with our payment requesting a waiver to avoid paying penalties and late filing fees. We will need to pay the interest however.

- Jim briefly discussed a phone conversation that he had with his counterpart in the Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. FBYC's treasurer was very forthcoming in sharing their lessons learned with financing the construction of a new clubhouse recently.

Vice Commodore – The Vice Commodore reviewed the upcoming calendar with the BOG.

Race – The Race Governor reported he has received 40 Annual Race Entry Forms and Fees as of February 24. The first Spring Frostbite Race had 3 boats participate. The SMSA River Marks, K and V, were upgraded and set prior to the Frostbite Races. The RC Boat has had the bottom painted and will be launched soon. There is still interior cleaning and maintenance to be completed since the scheduled day was snowed out. The SMSA Bay Marks, D and E, have been inspected for repairs and work will begin soon. SMSA Scorer, Stewart Buckler, has developed the needed spreadsheet to assist with the Wednesday Night Race program. The program will feature weekly-adjusted ratings and season standings in respect to number of awards earned. The Wednesday Night Races will be informal, more fun, and still challenging for all participants.

Cruise – The Cruise Governor reported that the cruise schedule has been finalized. It is four pages long—lots of cruises! Gene Norris will lead the Opening Day Cruise.

Junior – The Junior Governor gave a lease agreement to the Commodore for signature which after signature will allow the use of six FJ's. Dave has received five high school junior membership renewals. Dave is also looking into purchasing another safety boat through the foundation. He will be taking it on a sea trial before any consideration to purchase the boat.

- Sailing Camp registration will be on March 20 following the high school sailing practice.

Women's – The Women's Governor reported there were 20 people at the racing seminar. It was a good seminar.

Rear Commodore – The Rear Commodore inquired about the Nautical Flea Market. He asked what program it belongs to and if it did not belong to anyone, maybe we should assign it to a governor. Discussion followed and a decision was made to query any interest in holding the Nautical Flea Market through *The Clew*.

Social – The Social Governor reported the Birthday Party is all set for Saturday, March 8 and will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and appetizers and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Opening Day planning is underway. BOG members will act as Hosts for this event, which will be conducted on April 5 beginning at 9:30. Each BOG member will be responsible for a breakfast item to share with the membership. The Flag Ceremony will be coordinated with Frank King in the coming weeks and final preparations for activities will be completed by the Commodore, Social Governor and Social Committee. To extend the olive branch, Flag officers of LCYC and SIYC will be invited to attend.

Publicity – The Publicity Governor was not present. Tim report submitted through email a March 2003 – Publicity Governor Report. The BOG decided to discuss this report at the next BOG.

Facilities – The Facilities Governor reported:

- We have 12 new chairs and all the old chairs have new tips on the legs.
- The clubhouse floors have been waxed.
- On March 22 there will be a Spring Cleanup at the clubhouse. Please encourage all members and racers to get a team together.
- The new policy for using the clubhouse will be coming out on our web site. There are significant new rules for using the clubhouse such as: \$100 deposit required for the use of the clubhouse and \$200 club use fee for non-members which is non-refundable.

Membership – The Membership Governor reported our membership renewal status for 2003: Overall 85% not counting the Juniors. This breaks down to: 16 emeritus; 42 individual; 110 family;

and 4 juniors. There are 26 unpaid renewals, including 10 confirmed resignations. Of the remaining 16 unpaid members, 8 have verbally indicated their intent to pay. Intentions are unknown for the remaining 8 members. Those who have indicated intent to pay have been included in the yearbook listing, but will be dropped from the mailing list if not paid prior to the next meeting.

- Race fees collected include 41 big boats and 16 small boats.
- We have 4 former member rejoins (all family) and 2 new members (1 family and 1 individual)
- Production ready rosters for membership, boat name, sail number, and subscription has been given to Tim. Will do a final update with Tim upon his return if there is still time.
- Received a nice email of resignation from the Parmentiers. They send their best to the BOG and friends.

Motion: A motion was proposed to approve the new membership application from Robert Reed who is sponsored by Frank King.

Result: The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion: A motion was proposed to approve the new membership application from Charles Stein and family. Rod Schroeder sponsors them.

Result: The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The Commodore called for a short break in the BOG meeting.

Old Business

Membership Renewal Form Issues/prorating of memberships –

Rod Schroeder reported that there are no set rules for or against prorating membership dues. It has been done differently over the years. There are several options we can adopt. They are:

- Assess full membership dues to June. Prorate half dues July through December.
- Assess full dues January through April. Prorate May to December.
- Assess full membership dues January through September.

Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was proposed to assess full membership dues to June. Prorate half dues July through December.

Result: No second – motion withdrawn.

Motion: A motion was proposed to assess full dues January through April. Prorate May to December.

Result: No second – motion withdrawn.

Motion: A motion was proposed to assess full membership dues for the entire year; except for the last 3 months, which would be rolled over into the next year.

Result: Seconded and passed with 1 opposition.

Clew publication policy and member forum – Delayed until the next BOG meeting.

P&PC recommended by-laws changes – Delayed until the next BOG meeting.

P&PC BOG policy review status - Delayed until the next BOG meeting.

Report from Capital Planning Committee – Carl Feusahrens reported that the committee has been trying to have a meeting through email and it is not working. We will need to set up a meeting.

Non-member Race Fees – Clarke McKinney reported that the non-member race fees are currently \$100 for members. Non-members are getting a lot of benefits being able to race with SMSA. A significant increase in our non-member race fees is needed. He suggests a \$250 race fee. Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was made to allow non-members to race on an annual basis.

Result: The motion was seconded and passed with 1 opposed.

Motion: A motion was made which stated that an annual fee can be assessed for non-member racers.

Result: Seconded with discussion.

Motion Changed: A motion was made which stated that an annual fee equivalent to family membership dues and annual big boat racing fees can be assessed for non-member racers.

Result: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

SMSA Website Update Status – Dan Shannon, who manages the framework for the SMSA

website, briefed the BOG on how we can develop a secure area on our website. He reported that Ron Spicuzza provides the website free of charge and a secure area would cost our club a monthly fee. He discussed 2 different ways to develop a secure site and the pros/cons of each. The BOG thanked Dan for all his hard work.

BOG Special Meeting, Purpose: alignment of programs with goals – Stovy made a recommendation at our last BOG meeting, which was published in the March *Clew*, for the alignment of programs with our goals. Do we need a special meeting for an open discussion to align our programs with our goals? Don Behrens provided an excellent summary of the intent of the recommendations provided by Stovy. Walt asked the BOG to take a step back and look at the whole picture, set goals and review goals. Think about a special meeting. We will bring this up again next month.

Tragedy – Charlotte thanked Barbara Herbig for taking the time to send emails to all our SMSA members and friends on the recent tragic passing of Anna and Paul Grisso.

Awards – Carl Feusahrens suggested that we review awards to make sure they say what we want them to say. Clean up the words on the trophy. The Vice Commander took this task for action.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Kuehnle, Secretary
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Note: The minutes in the March Clew were dated 2002 and should have read 2003.

UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2003 Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2003 7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations - setting of the agenda

Secretary –

Minutes from March 6, 2003 BOG meeting
- comments

Treasurer –

Financial Report -
Budget Discussion -

Vice Commodore - Calendar update -

On the water -
Race Governor: Race Programs, Frostbite series, Wednesday Night Racing
Cruise Governor: Cruise Programs, Plans for Opening Day Cruise
Junior Governor: Program Status and Plans
Women's Program Governor: Program Plans and Seminars

Rear Commodore - Ashore Programs - Don on Travel

Social: Plans for SMSA calendar/ Opening Day
Publicity: Year Book status, Sponsors
Facilities: Condition report
Membership: Status of SMSA membership renewals/new members

Old Business -

Clew publication policy: Recommendations
Member forum recommendations
P&PC BOG policy review status
Report from Capital Planning Committee
SMSA Web Site Update status
BOG Special Meeting purpose: alignment of programs with goals

New Business -

Member Survey: response to a member request
Other topics as required

Commodore -

Closing Remarks

Adjourn**CRUISE**

Opening Day is just around the corner, and with it, the start of our very extensive cruising season. We have 23 cruises planned this year with a little bit of variety for everyone's taste. From a three week cruise to the southern Chesapeake Bay, to a three week cruise north to Long Island Sound, plus many shorter cruises closer by.

Gene and Lois Norris were to lead the Opening Day cruise, but due to Gene's convalescence from a recent illness, I will try to find someone else. Hopefully the weather will have warmed a bit by then or there may not be very many boats ready for cruising.

The cruising schedule will be printed in the yearbook to be distributed on Opening Day. I had planned to email it to those who signed up at the cruise planning meeting in February. But for some strange reason, when I try to send it, the Word document arrives truncated.

For those planning to go on the three longer cruises, please volunteer to be Port Captains and help out the Cruise Leaders.

Remember, the best Happy Hours on the Bay are found at SMSA raft-ups. See you there...

David Arbuthnot, Cruise Governor
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Three Week Cruise South

May 17- June 8

Now is the time to begin planning for the three week cruise south; perhaps you can join us for a few days, a week, or the entire three weeks! There should be great sailing in May and June!

We plan to begin the cruise by sailing to the Eastern Shore. Some of our destinations are: the Honga River, the Wicomico River, Deal Island, Crisfield, Chesconessex Creek, Pocomoke City, Onanock (over Memorial Day Weekend),

Pungoteague Creek and Cape Charles. Then, on to Norfolk for a couple of days followed by the Western Shore: Smithfield, James River (sail past the Ghost Fleet), Hampton, York River, Piankatank River, Reedville, The Glebe and home.

Several lay days are planned, so it should be a relaxing cruise with visits to small towns, quiet anchorages on marshes and creeks and a few cities!

Please join us for a great cruise around the Southern Bay. For the entire schedule, look in your Yearbook. Contact us if you would like more information so that you may make marina reservations and know of the possible anchorages. (If you have questions right away, April 1-15, please contact the Cruise Governor, David Arbuthnot).

Nikki and Jack Goodman, Cruise Leaders on *Cat Morgan*

**Patuxent River, Battle Creek
(38°27.1N/76°36.0W)**
April 26 & 27

Come join us for an early season trip up the Patuxent River. We will plan on being on site in Battle Creek by 4:00 p.m. and will be monitoring Channel 72. Our little boat is only 28' feet so I am looking for a volunteer to serve as the pin boat for the raft. Cocktail hour will begin as soon as the second boat arrives. If you plan to join us you can call or e-mail to let me know that you plan to make the trip.

Dave & Pat Marchant, *Illumination*
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RACE

Spring is here. It's a time when everyone is busy putting the finishing touches on their boat preparations. There is always sanding, painting, sanding, varnishing, sanding, fairing, etc., to get the boat looking and performing great. Well, your

SMSA Governors including the Race Governor have been busy tuning up their programs so they will be ready for the start of the sailing season.

There has been a lot of information in the race program to review and update. There will be updates and changes that will effect the sailing this year. Be sure to read the race circular closely. I was amazed how much information is included within the circular that I wasn't familiar with. I blame that on the fact that I haven't owned and registered a boat recently. If you plan to participate in the race program, skipper or crew, the season will run much smoother with a good understanding of the contents of the circular.

The volunteers for the race program have been starting to step up to support their sailing. I've been able to get a decent response filling the race committee spots, but that has required passing around the sign up sheets at various functions. There are still openings for race committee and I hope to hear from some of you that haven't been around the winter SMSA functions and Frostbite Races. The program depends on everyone doing some volunteer work. I am also trying to keep a list of people interested in helping with race management knowing that it takes more than a chairman to run a race. Thank you for volunteering.

Now that the Frostbite Races are history, I'm sure everyone is getting ready for some great races on the bay in late April. The Sharps Island Race and Spring Invitational generally provide great weather. Mild temperatures and spring breezes prevail. These races will allow crews and their boats to tune for the sailing season ahead.

Zahniser's Yachting Center, the major sponsor of the race program, will again host the Wednesday Night Races. Let them know that you appreciate their support when you get by to see them.

Just one last note that should have been published last month if it wasn't for the Race Governor off racing to Montego Bay. John and Linda Edwards J/29 *Rhumb Punch* won their class at Key West

Race Week. The success is due to their efforts in planning for and assembling a team that had just the right balance. A balance that allowed them to get through good races, come back during the bad race(s), and still have enough energy to go out for the last race with 25 knots plus and 50 degree temperatures. When it was all said and done, *Rhumb Punch* won the series over the always well sailed and current J/29 National Champion *Hustler* by one tenth of a point. Way to go John and Linda.

See you on the water.

Clarke McKinney, Race Governor
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JUNIOR PROGRAM

It's great to see sunny skies, but unfortunately, we still need to pay the piper for time off during the winter. The Calvert County Public School calendar shows that classes will now run until June 19, 2003 in order to make up for snow days. As a result of this calendar change, I now find it necessary to change our sailing camp schedule.

The first sailing camp, previously scheduled for the week of June 16th will need to be changed. This camp will now be held the week of June 23rd. This will still provide eight weeks of summer camp. For the rest of the camp schedule, please visit the SMSA website at SMSA.com.

I would like to welcome Devon Feusahrens as an assistant with the summer camps. With Sean Sayers as our Level 1 instructor, Teddy Clark, Becky Pedersen, and Devon as our assistants, we will have a strong team.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Dave Pedersen, Junior Governor
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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The sailing season is just around the corner and the Women's Program has been glad to sponsor many events to broaden sailing knowledge and sharpen your skills. Mark your calendars for the following events coming up this month.

Friday, May 2, 2003 - Racing Rules Seminar; 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. SMSA members and U.S. Sailing judges, Stovy Brown and Dan Trammell will again present the Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar. The seminar is planned as a repeat of the February seminar with assurance that with different participants, the interpretations, questions and discussion from the audience, will be just as challenging and informative.

Friday, May 9, 2003 - Protest Procedures Seminar; 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. SMSA member Barbara Herbig will present the process and procedures involved in protesting someone for an infraction of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Discussion will include: what makes a protest valid, hearings, arbitration, and appeals from both a racer's perspective and that of a protest committee. Attendance is encouraged for persons who actively race, sit on protest juries or wish to learn more about this often overlooked portion of the rules. Cruisers who used to race will be welcome participants to potentially serve on juries for the multiple race program events.

Friday, May 16, 2003 - Sailing Tactics for Women; 7:30 p.m. at the Holly II building. SMSA member Dan Trammell will present Sailing Tactics to the women sailors of SMSA. Women are encouraged to attend to polish up their skills and expand their knowledge of tactics. Men are welcome to attend, although the presentation is developed for women. Participants are asked to bring something to share with coffee after the presentation. A little something for you and to share with another is plenty.

Friday, May 30, 2003 - Marcy Series Skippers' Meeting; 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Skippers and crew are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, May 31, 2003 and Sunday, June 1, 2003 - Marcy Series Women's Program races; details can be found in the SMSA race circular when available or handed out at the Skipper's meeting. To encourage participation by ALL, provisional ratings will be given to boats without a valid PHRF certificate. Racing will be followed by the Luau rendezvous at Zahniser's on Saturday and a Mini-rendezvous at the clubhouse on Sunday.

As you can see, the Women's Program has a full schedule this month that finishes with the Marcy Series, which is one of the major program events of the year. Much discussion has transpired over the years on the rules surrounding the women's program racing events. These discussions have included whether or not to have spinnaker and/or non-spinnaker starts, allowing male advisors or male boat owners on board and rating penalties for doing so. This year there are some new ideas about how to promote the most participation while keeping things as fair as possible for all sailors. One new idea is to have a class that includes no males allowed and one that does. This year we have lost the participation of the Navy Patuxent River Sail Club boats that have been very active participants in previous years' women's program races. This situation and others may lead once again to having more sailors interested in racing than boats to put them on. Input is needed from both the women and men sailors of SMSA on how to increase participation and maintain a level of fairness. Your comments and ideas on this are welcome and encouraged. Please pass any ideas that you may have on to the Women's Program governor or any member of her committee. All input will be appreciated.

Charlotte Mahood, Women's Governor
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BOAT BIOS

From Bob Reid: I got started in sailing in 1970 by

racing Albacores at the Red Dragon Canoe Club on the Delaware River, in New Jersey just across the river from Philadelphia. I raced Stars at Tred Avon and at West River, and then I moved up to Cal 25's, and ultimately to a pretty well outfitted Seafarer 30 that I raced PHRF for several years. Eventually, racing got to be too much like work, and too expensive, so now I have a 1982 Seafarer 30 that is pretty much exclusively a cruising boat. My boat, *Mo Rain*, got her name from a Scottish dictionary. It means "out of my mind" in Highland Gaelic. I am single and my other interests include model railroading and sports cars.

From Chuck and Ginni Stein: I learned to sail at the Naval Academy in the late 50's. In the late 60's I crewed on a 505 for a few years in Marblehead, Mass, and in the early 70's my wife and I bought and sailed a Cal-25 in Kittery Maine. We belonged to the Kittery Point Yacht Club which raced around the buoys on Saturdays in the summertime. There were two Pearson Ensigns in our fleet. The Ensign is a 22 foot keel daysailer, suitable for sailing on the coast, and a good family boat and one-design racer. I really admired them because they were fast enough to race with larger cruising boats, and small enough to use as a family daysailer.

Our children, Chuck and Jennifer, were pre-teen then, and we cruised the coast of Maine and the north shore of Massachusetts, mainly on weekend cruises. Ginni and I took a one-week cruise to Casco Bay, but the Cal just wasn't big enough to really be comfortable for that long a cruise. When our kids got to be teenagers, there was a lot of pressure to do other things at home, so in the late 70's we sold the Cal.

THE RACER'S EDGE

It is a Sunday afternoon in March and you and your snow weary crew of *Pedal to the Metal* are looking forward to a spring Frostbite Series race. The threat of rain does not deter your enthusiasm as you and *Pedal to the Metal* charge off the starting line in a 10 knot westerly wind. Of course your

arch rival, that miscreant scumbag Poulet Poop, skipper of *Wee Willie*, is close behind you and slowly closing as you and your rusty crew are a little less than totally efficient.

However, *Pedal to the Metal* holds on to her lead over *Wee Willie* and you are breathing easier as you beat toward the finish line at the CBL pier on long port tacks and short starboard tacks. As you approach Patuxent River Red #6 Marker (where the Wednesday evening races start) you decide that holding your port tack will force you to take that Marker to port ... and cause you to sail over Solomon Flats! Since the tides are rather high, you don't see any reason why you cannot "cut" the corner so you hold your port tack, take Patuxent River Marker #6 to port and tack to starboard only when your depth sounder indicates 7 feet of water. Marker # 6 remains to port as you continue to close on the finish, and you carefully assure yourself that "Y" Mark will be taken to starboard as required.

Just before crossing the finish line you faintly hear Poulet Poop on *Wee Willie* who is still clear astern shouting, "Protest!", but you sail on confident that Poop must be hallucinating.

You go to the Protest hearing confident of Victory ... but the Protest Committee quickly throws you out of the race! Why?

The SMSA 2002 Race Circular, under which the 2003 Spring Frostbite Series is sailed, states in the "2002 General Sailing Instructions" paragraph 12.2 that "Patuxent River navigation marks are to be passed on the channel side at all times." You and *Pedal to the Metal* cut the corner and sailed on the Solomon Flats side of Marker #6, and therefore you failed to pass the navigation mark on the channel side. Thus your disqualification!

It looks like it is going to be another one of those years for *Pedal to the Metal*...

See you on the safe side of the Racer's Edge...

Fred Dellinger

PUBLICITY

Don't forget to attend Opening Day and pick up your 2003 Yearbook. For every Yearbook we distribute by hand that day, your club saves about \$4.00 on mailing costs.

I hope to convene a meeting of the Publicity Committee soon in order to generate some ideas on how we can best promote upcoming events like the SMSA Open House. If you wish to participate, give me a ring.

See you on April 5th!

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
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SOCIAL

SMSA's 31st Birthday Party, held on March 8th was a night to remember. This year's event was conducted at the clubhouse and offered amazing food and spirits, warm ambiance and great conversation amongst members. John Dixon's fabulous presentation of Italian cuisine coupled with his steadfast commitment truly made this evening a special one. Thank you John and Debbie for all of your hard work! Taking care of us behind the bar was future sailor Rich Piniewski, who did a great job of serving up every drink with a smile! Special thanks also to Maggie Weir for the beautifully decorated and delicious birthday cake!

I also want to extend thanks to all of those members who personally took the time that evening to compliment the efforts of our Social Committee on this one. Your praise is most appreciated! As the goal of this program is to bring our members together to enjoy one another's company off of the water, your comments made us each feel as though we succeeded on this night. Special thanks go to Pat Marchant and Lois Zonderman of my Social Committee for all of their

help and special touches in setting up for this event and helping me keep things running. I could not have done this without their help! Thanks also to Bridget McNamara for her clean-up assistance on Sunday. Lastly, I want to thank Shawn for his support and assistance with this event and for always knowing just when to step in and provide a hand!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 5, 2003: SMSA's Opening Day at the clubhouse begins at 9:30 a.m. As hosts, your 2003 BOG will be serving up an array of breakfast treats to kick off the day's activities. Immediately following the ceremonious events, we will serve **Brunch**. Members are asked to contribute to this brunch by bringing items such as casseroles, side dishes, hors d'oeuvres and desserts for all to enjoy. Coffee, juice, beer, wine and soda will be on hand.

Saturday, May 3, 2003: Double Handed Race. Rendezvous at the clubhouse begins at 4:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the company and conversation of the day's racers and other members. The grills will be fired up and ready for cooking your main entrees. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or a dessert for all to share.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions relating to the Social Program, feel free to send me an e-mail or contact me by phone.

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all who have paid their 2003 membership dues during the renewal period. Overall 85% of our 2002 memberships have rejoined. This is not quite as high as we would like, but I believe there are still a few procrastinators that will eventually add to this number.

At the March 6 Board of Governors meeting the following two new memberships were unanimously approved. Please make them feel welcome as you meet them at our club functions.

Charles and Virginia Stein live in Lexington Park and their boat is a Pearson Ensign named *Pig Pen*. Their interest is in SMSA social events and Wednesday night racing and/or crewing. They have been active with the Pearson Ensign fleet on the St Mary's River. Welcome aboard.

Robert Reid is in the process of having a home built in Drum Point where his 30' Seafarer *Mo Rain* is moored. He is a former member of the West River Yacht Club and his primary SMSA interests are in cruising and social events. Welcome aboard.

SMSA also welcomes back former members **Wes and Lori Gleason** and their junior crewmembers **Keith, Meghan, and Shannon**. They live on Cuckold Creek where their 35' Mainship *Emerald Isle* is moored. Their primary SMSA interest will be with the Junior and High School sailing programs. Welcome back.

Rod Schroeder, Membership Governor
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Tuesday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

And, remember to forward your *Boat Bio's* and your *Did You Know* articles to feus@comcast.net by the 15th of every month.

DATABASE

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

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FOR SALE: 8-HP Johnson "Saildrive" (long shaft) outboard motor. Purchased new in July 2000. Less than 60 hours use. Professional maintained by Guy Brothers Marine. Price \$1100.00, new \$1700.00 + Contact L. G. Raley, (301) 373-5700 (04-03)

WANTED: Reliable and friendly crew for *Shermax*. Need a few for Wednesday Night races and many more for weekend races on the bay. Little or no experience required, but must pitch in, ask questions and want to learn sailing, racing, cruising. Contact Captain Max Munger, (410) 326-9024 or mxmunger@crosslink.net (06-03)

FOR SALE: Selling a 1984 Pearson 34, *Chouette*, to make way for new boat. The P-34 is in excellent condition and rigged for cruising, including a furling 150 genoa (2 years old) and working jib; full battened main; dodger, bimini, awning and sail cover; dingy and 3.5 hp outboard; 22 hp Yanmar diesel engine; Datamarine depth sounder and Standard Horizon knot meter; cockpit cushions and table; teak framed screens; and many extras. Boat is located in Solomons and being brokered there through Trident Yachts (410) 326-2011.

Dennis and Virginia Chandler (06-03)

FOR SALE: 1978 24' Helms sailboat in good condition with lots of almost new equipment: 2000 Honda four stroke 9.9 hp, depth meter 2002, VHF 2000, alcohol stove, bimini 2000, standing rigging replaced in 2000, 3 sails (main, jib, genoa), sleeps 5, \$6,500. Willing to sell the boat and motor separately also.

Contact Chip Martin, (202) 694-7132, charlesm@dnfsb.gov (06-03)

April 2003 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	4 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	5 Opening Day Ceremony and Brunch, 0930 @ Clubhouse Race Committee Boat Familiarization after Brunch Opening Day Cruise St. Leonard's Creek
6 <i>End Opening Day Cruise</i>	7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	8	9 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	10 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	11 High School Sailing Regatta @ Clubhouse	12 Small Boat Program Kickoff Meeting @ The Clubhouse - 1300
13	14 <i>The Clew deadline</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Easter</i>	21 <i>LCYC Clubhouse use thru 27th</i>	22 >	23 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC W. Rupp	24 High School Sailing Potluck Supper @ Clubhouse High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	25 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 >	26 Sharps Island Race - RC G. Scott Weekend Cruise Battle Creek - CL Marchant LCYC Opening Day
27 <i>Spring Invitational Race - STILL NEED RC - call Clarke!</i> <i>Mini-Rendezvous after race @ Clubhouse</i> <i>End Weekend Cruise</i> >	28	29 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J & C Frost	30			

May 2003 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Thursday Night Small Boat Races Begin High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	2 Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1830 (repeat of 21 Feb seminar) High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	3 Double-handed Race - RC M. McCarey Rendezvous @ Clubhouse - 1600
4	5 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930	6 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J. McKinney	7	8 Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	9 Protest Procedures Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1830 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	10 SMSA Open House @ Clubhouse - 1000
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC S. Baldwin	14 The Clew deadline >	15 Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 The Clew deadline >	16 "Tactics for Women" Seminar @ Holly II - 1930 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 The Clew deadline >	17 Proctor-Bailey Series Races 1 & 2 - RC J & C Frost 3 Week and Weekend Cruise Honga River- CL Goodman LCYC event - 1200-2000
18 <i>Proctor-Bailey Series Race 3 - RC Needed - call Clarke!</i> <i>Mini-rendezvous after race @ Clubhouse</i> <i>End Weekend Cruise</i>	19	20 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J Young	21 Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 Extended Memorial Day Cruise - CL Marchant	22	23 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	24 Memorial Day Cruise - CL Zonderman Wedding Reception @ Clubhouse
25	26 <i>End Memorial Day Cruises</i>	27 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J. Taylor	28 Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 High School Sailing Potluck Supper & Spring Awards @ Clubhouse	29 Marcy Series Skipper's Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1830 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	30 Marcy Series Races 1 & 2 - RC J. Weir Luau Rendezvous @ Zahniser's - 1600 Sea Scout Regatta @ Clubhouse	31