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COMMODORE

The January BOG meeting proceeded smoothly with the focus on budget fine-tuning, plans for the Awards Banquet, dues assessment rationale, BOG Book appendices final review and support for the yearbook.

Your treasurer provided an in-depth discussion of the status of the budget for our 2004 sailing season and continued the detailed process of preparing a balanced budget.

Under Old Business, the BOG continued the discussion from our December meeting on the building fund assessment of the membership. The BOG reviewed the timing of the assessment. The Membership Governor recommended that we make the assessment of all members on record for the 2004 SMSA sailing season. The modest building fund would begin the establishment of a pool of money as approved by the membership in September 2002. The money collected will be held separate from our operating budget. I will look for member comments on our SMSA website on this topic. Please use this forum as an opportunity for you to be heard and, therefore, provide steering commands to the BOG.

Under New Business, the Rear Commodore presented a motion to extend the present two-year

BOG term limit. We had some discussion as to the length of the extension and have not decided as to the maximum length that we will recommend to the membership. This motion was tabled until February. The delay is part of the policy to give the BOG members some time for discussion via email. If approved in February, we will start the sixty-day cycle for membership approval.

Our Awards Banquet for 2003 was held at St. Mary's College on January 10 and began our 32nd year of SMSA parties with a spectacular affair. My sailor's hat is off as a salute to all the volunteers who made this affair 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 award Laura Comeau the "Member of the Year Award" for all her participation in SMSA as racer, cruiser, BOG member, volunteer and for her dedicated efforts to support the goals of SMSA throughout the years.

For further information on the Board of Governor's discussions and actions, I invite you to read the minutes elsewhere in *The Clew*. Check the back of this issue of *The Clew* for our active February schedule. Highlights include a series of seminars sponsored by the Women's Program and a Valentine's party.

I look forward to seeing all of you during our many February activities.

March begins our Frostbite races and we are back on the water! Yea!

Walt Rupp, Commodore
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SECRETARY

Abridged Minutes Board of Governors Meeting January 8, 2004

Officers and Governors Present: Walt Rupp, Shawn Stanley, Don Behrens, Laura Comeau, Jim Keen, Suzie Williams, John Herbig, Carl Feusahrens, Rod Schroeder, J.T. Baker, Kim Blodnikar, Clarke McKinney

Other Members Present: Stovy Brown, Peter Holt, Ron Williams

Commodore's Opening Remarks –

- Meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m.
- Without objection, the Agenda as written was accepted by BOG members
- Focus of meeting is discussion of Awards Banquet, Time Phased expenditures and Budget Items and yearbook support

Secretary's Report –

- December BOG Meeting Abridged Minutes published in the January issue of *The Clew*; Don Behrens has posted the Minutes of Record on the web-based forum for member viewing

Treasurer's Report –

- Report of account balances/budgeted income and expenses to date
- Recap of 2003 income and expenses; review of FY03 and FY04 Budget handouts
- Finalization of FY04 Budget planned for February BOG meeting

Vice Commodore's Report –

- Schedule/Calendar updates; 2004 Master Schedule to be placed on the website
- Awards Banquet discussion
- January 24, 2004 General Meeting discussion

Race Governor's Report –

- Race Committee Sign up sheets will be available for General Meeting
- RC Boat status provided
- Race Committee Boat Clean and Prep Day set for February 15, 2004
- Big Boat Kick-Off Meeting tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2004, immediately following the Racing Rules Seminar

Cruise Governor's Report –

- Cruising Planning Meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

Junior Governor's Report –

- J.T. to attend Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Sailing Association meeting on January 11, 2004 and CBYRA Junior Program meeting on January 24, 2004
- New forms for the Sailing Camps are complete and ready for posting on the website; e-mail to all members to follow to encourage early camp registrations; Walk-in registration scheduled for March 25, 2004
- High School Program applications for the spring available on the High School website beginning January 11, 2004

Women's Governor's Report –

- Women's Program Governor is absent; Winter Educational Seminar schedule provided by e-mail; First seminar set for January 23, 2004 at West Marine beginning at 6:30 p.m.; new seminar conducted every Friday evening through February 27, 2004

Rear Commodore's Report –

- BOG book status provided
- Web Development committee meeting to be held at the conclusion BOG meeting

Social Governor's Report –

- Cruise Planning Meeting coordination status provided
- Awards Banquet
- Valentine's Day Party scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2004, more information and details will be provided in the February issue of *The Clew*
- SMSA/LCYC Schedule conflict discussion

Facilities Governor's Report –

- Clubhouse Workday scheduled for January 24, 2004
- Carl reported that the clubhouse telephone is broken; he plans to replace it

Public Relations Governor's Report –

- Forum activity report provided; currently 51 members registered; activity has increased and recent postings have generated positive discussion amongst members;
- BOG Photos planned for the Awards Banquet; Bridget McNamara to take photos
- Yearbook inputs due by February 20, 2004; BOG members program information requested

Membership Governor's Report –

- Membership Renewal report provided
- One (1) new membership application presented by Rod: Matt Coleman has made application for an individual membership and is being sponsored by Rod; Motion made and seconded to accept his application, unanimous vote of approval by the BOG

Old Business –

- Dues Assessment - management of funds and timing discussion; Walt will write a letter to the membership detailing the assessment
- Capital Planning Committee status report provided by Stovy Brown
- Development of Agenda for the January 24, 2004 General Meeting
- Roles and mission statement development

New Business –

- Development of Governors' committees

- Plans for February BOG meeting; discussion of agenda items; follow up of dues assessment
- Discussion of term limits initiated by Don Behrens; motion made and topic tabled as a matter of policy; more BOG discussion will occur at the February BOG meeting
- Closing remarks from Walt
- Motion to adjourn made by Shawn, seconded by Don – BOG unanimously in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Official Minutes of this BOG Meeting can be viewed on the Web-based Member Forum

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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2004 Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2004 7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations - setting of the agenda

Secretary –

Minutes from January 8, 2003 - status/comments

Treasurer –

Financial Report -status/comments

Vice Commodore -schedule up date - comments - coordination with LCYC
On the Water - Governors
Race Governor – Racing program comments - Yearbook input status
Cruise Governor- Results from Cruise Planning meeting - Yearbook input status
Junior Governor – Junior program comments

Women's Program – Seminar
comments/spring plans

Rear Commodore - Comments

Ashore Programs - Governors
Social –Valentines Party/Birthday party plans
and support requirements
Facilities- Condition report - results of winter
paint-up/clean-up meeting
Public Relations - Yearbook support
requirements, Web Based Member Forum -
Status
Membership- Status of SMSA membership
renewals

Old Business -

Review and vote on by-laws change to
extend terms of BOG members
FY 04 operating budget formulation - time
phased inputs completion
Dues assessment - management of funds
discussion/ rational comments
Capital Planning committee -
status/comments if available
BOG Book - final review - plans for
placement on our website
Development of Governors' committees -
status
Inputs from meeting with Jan Buckler - re
By-Laws and policy data

New Business -

Development of yearbook support
Plans for March BOG meeting - Agenda

Commodore -

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

PUBLICITY

By the time you read this, the deadline for yearbook inputs will be just around the corner. I have received some wonderful shots from 2003! Many thanks to those who have shared their pictures. I hope to include photos from all aspects of SMSA. Please feel free to give me a call or drop me a line if you have something to contribute. I can use digital or hard copies for the 2004 yearbook. Also, I am still

open to any ideas and suggestions, but be sure to contact me by February 20.

The SMSA Online Forum continues to grow each month. This secure, password-protected part of our website is now the place for many debatable topics. Recently there have been postings with regard to a new clubhouse, the building fund assessment, and even junior program activities. You will also find full BOG meeting minutes and racing rules discussions. If there is an SMSA related topic you would like to discuss, you can create a new subject under the various categories provided to begin a discussion. Please be sure to spread the word and make sure your fellow SMSA members are getting the full advantages of their club by using the SMSA Online Forum.

Thanks again to those that have assisted me with the yearbook and other projects so far! I hope the yearbook will be just as good as in past years. Don't forget to make plans to attend Opening Day in April to pick up your copy.

Kim Blodnikar, Publicity Governor
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CRUISE

There was a good turnout of cruisers at the SMSA awards dinner on January 10. I counted at least 28, but there may have been more!

Curt and Dottie Hamilton on *Serenity* were awarded the Happy Hour Cruising Trophy, a silver cup awarded to the yacht accumulating the highest number of cruise points for participation in scheduled SMSA cruises. Ron and Suzie Williams on *Easy Time* came in second, and Ken and Ellie Mowbray on *Swan* were third.

Also receiving SMSA burgees for accumulating at least 35 point were (in descending order): Bill and Louise Beha on *Little Toot*, David and Sally Arbuthnot on *Blue Heron*, Jack and Nikki Goodman on *Cat Morgan*, Gresh and Rene Sackett on *Koel*, Frank and Rita Gerred on *Calypso*, and Ron and Kris Hoile on *Nimue*.

The Joseph T. McGrath Distinguished Cruising Trophy, a slate ice bucket awarded to the boat which has displayed the SMSA burgee in the most remote area while cruising this season, was awarded to Ron and Suzie Williams. Also receiving 1,000 mile recognition were Matt and Marty Miller on *Runaway* and Norm and Rosemary Dawley on *Pursuit*.

The six cruise leaders, who organized the major cruises, received a very practical Kevlar bag made by Quantum Sails embroidered with their boat name and a large burgee by EmbroidMe. These bags should last forever!

Finally, after an informal vote by fellow cruisers, I was pleased to present Bill and Louise Beha with the Cruiser of the Year award. They were recognized for all the help they gave other cruisers during the 3 week Southern Bay cruise and the 2 week up the Potomac cruise. This included: towing *Deshandera* when she had engine trouble, standing by *Calypso* when their propeller was severally fouled by grass and the engine overheated, standing by *Koel* when she ran out of oil in the middle of the river, and many other nice touches. They also received a Kevlar bag.

This ceremony concluded the 2003 cruising season but, by the time you read this, it will be time to attend the 2004 cruise planning meeting on January 31 and start actively preparing for this year's great cruising!

David H. Arbuthnot, 2003 Cruise Governor

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

I was unable to attend the awards banquet due to a family emergency. Dan's father passed away after a short illness at the age of 99. We were able to be there with the rest of his family in North Carolina when he died. He was buried on January 14.

I had hoped to talk up the educational seminars that start next week but Laura assured me that she would get a short notice out to most at the banquet.

For those who were not there or did not receive the information a brief schedule is attached. Please come if you can.

January 23 - Pat Healy on Weather for Poets and Sailors

January 30 - Speaker to be announced. Subject probably navigation and or currents and wave theory.

February 6 - Stovy Brown on windshifts on the course

February 13 - Will Keyworth on sail trim

February 20 - Paul Miller on Safety at Sea

February 27 - Dan Trammell and Stovy Brown's annual Rules seminar

Let's support these speakers with our attendance and continue our growth in the sailing community.

I've met with Dan Shannon and made arrangements to update the Women's section on the webpage. If you have any pictures or ideas to add please contact me.

My next step as women's governor is to meet with the Public Relations governor and try to reach out to other women sailors on the bay. It would be great to increase the number of boats registered in our regattas.

Thanks and see you at the seminars.

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HIGH SCHOOL SAILING PROGRAM

Boat preparations begin the last day of this month! High school team members plan on being at the clubhouse at 12:00 p.m. on February 28. We will be getting the FJ's ready for the spring season. Remember practice starts on March 17.

The Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Sailing Association (MASSA) held a meeting at the Annapolis Yacht Club on January 10. During this meeting,

representatives from throughout the district voted to divide the MASSA district into three leagues. This division into North, Central, and South leagues will preclude some of the scheduling difficulties experienced during past years. Each league will conduct a series of regattas with participation limited to the teams within their region. MASSA will conduct at least three district regattas each season with teams being invited to participate based on standings within their league. The Spring, Fall, and Overall Championships will now be scored as a point series vice a single regatta. These changes should allow each team to participate in more regattas, closer to home, than was previously accessible.

SMSA plans to host two Varsity regattas; one on April 17 and the other on May 8, and a Junior Varsity regatta on May 22. Come out and join in the fun! The sailing is always close and fast in FJ's. All races can be seen from the comfort of the boardwalk on Solomon's Island.

J.T. Baker, Junior Governor

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Summer Day Camps

The Summer Opti and FJ Day Camp Schedules are now posted on the operational schedule on the SMSA website. The forms have been updated and are also available for download from the website. Please mail the form to the address that is included if you would like to pre-register. Otherwise, registration night will be March 25 at the clubhouse.

J.T. Baker, Junior Governor

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks for the quick response by those of you who have already mailed in your 2004 membership renewal. For the rest of you, don't forget that the renewal due date of January 15 is past, and you will be considered in arrears on February 15. **Members**

who are in arrears for any indebtedness may be assessed a penalty in accordance with the provisions of our By-Laws. Put your renewal check in the mail now, while it is fresh on your mind.

The SMSA Board of Governors has approved the following new memberships. Please make them feel welcome as you meet them at some of our SMSA activities.

Matt Colemann is sponsored by Rod Schroeder. His primary sailing interests are in cruising, social, and membership activities. Matt's interest in sailing was sparked 17 years ago while on deployment to the Philippines, and his interest in sailing became stronger with his arrival in Southern Maryland in 1997. He has been rebuilding his 39' steel hulled Hoerneke Ketch *Nomad* for the past four years. *Nomad* is moored at Dennis Point Marina from where Matt has enjoyed sailing the surrounding St. Mary's and Potomac Rivers in between boat projects and when time permits. Welcome aboard.

Ken and Ann Korando are sponsored by Dave and Sally Arbuthnot. Their primary sailing interests are cruising, social, and women's programs. Their sailing experience began in 1979 with an Oday 23 on San Francisco Bay. As they have moved around the country, they also experienced lake sailing in TN, and exploring the Northeast by sailboat with friends out of Sewanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club on Long Island. They began their Chesapeake sailing experience in 2000 with their current boat, a Hunter 31 named *Bohemian* in Deltaville and as a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Ridge. In 2001 they moved to their home in Lusby where they now live and moor their boat. *My sources tell me that they are the proprietors of the Solomons Island Winery.* Welcome aboard.

SMSA also welcomes back former member **Patricia Kimmel** and **Richard Freeman**. Patricia was an active member of SMSA for several early years (mid 70's) of the club. Patricia and Richard live in Springfield, Virginia and are the owners of a Catalina 34 named *Reflections*. Their primary

SMSA sailing interests include cruising and women's programs. Welcome back.

Rod Schroeder, Membership Governor
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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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE: Buy your NEMESIS (for cheap)!!!
1980 J24 Hull#1868. Solid, turn-key boat, 5hp
Nissan outboard, Good yard trailer \$8,500 OBO.
Contact Glenn Scott (410) 474-3675 (02-04)

FOR SALE: 1975 28' Pearson sailboat in good
cruising or racing condition. Inboard motor, bimini,
clean interior, and good sail inventory including
spinnaker, new genoa/roller furler. Very well
maintained. 2001 survey available for review.
\$10,500.
Contact Kristin Mason (301) 737-7969 (04-04)

CREW WANTED: *Shermax* and *Toby* need some
new crew for Wednesday night and especially
weekend races. No experience necessary, but must
have avid interest in sailing, racing and learning!
Must show up regularly to receive full beer and
pretzel allocations! We have a good time sailing all
year long. Come and join us!
Contact Max Munger, 1981 C30 #2276,
(410) 326-9024, mxmunger@crosslink.net (04-04)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the March 2004 issue of *The Clew* will be:

Sunday, February 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.

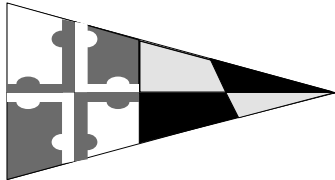
Shawn Stanley will be putting the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert him to any events that you wish to have included.

February 2004 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse 1930	6 Training @ West Marine 1830 - Stovy Brown - Windshifts on the Course	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Training @ West Marine 1830-Will Keyworth - Sail Trim	14 Valentine's Day SMSA Valentine's Party
15 <i>The Clew</i> deadline RC Boat Clean & Prep Day 1100	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20 Training @ West Marine 1830-Paul Miller - Safety at Sea Yearbook inputs due	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Training @ West Marine 1830-Dan & Stovy - Annual Racing Rules Seminar	28 High School Sailing FJ Boat Prep @ Clubhouse 1200- 1500
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March 2004 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse 1930	5	6 H.S. FJ Boat Prep @ Clubhouse 1200- 1500
7 Spring Frostbite Race	8	9	10	11	12	13 SMSA Birthday Party
14 Spring Frostbite Race	15 <i>The Clew</i> deadline	16	17 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730	18 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730 H.S. Sailing Potluck Dinner & parents meeting @ Clubhouse 1800- 1930	19 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730	20 Clubhouse Spring Clean-up 0930 Junior Program Summer Camp Mail- In Registration Due
21 Spring Frostbite Race	22	23	24 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730 H.S. Pizza Supper & Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse 1800- 1900 (mandatory for varsity)	25 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730 Junior Program Summer Camp Walk-in Registration @ Clubhouse 1800	26 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730	27 SMSA/LCYC joint Flea Market - POC Nikki Goodman
28 Spring Frostbite Race	29	30	31 H.S. Practice @ Clubhouse 1500- 1730			



20 January 2004

Southern Maryland Sailing Association Junior Newsletter

New for 2004! SMSA Optimist Dinghy Racing Program Plan

SMSA will sponsor an Opti racing team this summer at Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) regattas around the Chesapeake Bay. Junior sailors who have enrolled in one of the Opti summer camps or who are SMSA family junior members are eligible for selection to this team. Sailors will be evaluated during the camps and at Junior Sunday racing sessions.

Sunday Junior Racing

Sunday Junior racing will be offered to provide a less formal opportunity for Juniors to race than at Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) races around the Bay. These Sunday race results will count toward the Optimist Trophy and will be used to select the SMSA Optimist racing team that will compete at CBYRA regattas this summer. Sunday races will be held at the swale from 3PM to 5PM. **Dates:** Please see the schedule on the SMSA.com website.

Junior Program Awards

SMSA awards the Optimist Trophy to the best Optimist racer based on performance at races at SMSA. The SMSA Junior High Point Trophy is awarded to the best overall SMSA Junior racer for the season.

Junior Sailing Camps

The SMSA Junior Optimist camp program will consist of one-week sessions of training. Each week will be a separate sailing session. The basic sailing will follow the US Sailing/Red Cross basic sailing curriculum. Each week of sailing is independent, that is, a student may attend any number of the sessions. The camps are open to children age eight and older. Additional sessions may be added if demand justifies them.

This year more emphasis will be given to racing Opti's during the camp. Sailors interested in more formal racing should make their interest known to the Instructor, and should plan on attending Junior Sunday racing. Sailors interested in CBYRA racing should consider attending all the Sunday racing sessions to obtain valuable racing experience in a more informal setting than they will find at the regattas at other sailing clubs.

SMSA Hires Junior Program Director

Sue Cornelius is the first Junior Program Director at SMSA. Hired to manage our junior program, Sue brings over 15 years' experience in competitive sailing to share with our juniors. Sue will oversee SMSA sailing camps and our new Opti racing program, as well as coach our high school sailors in the spring and fall. Sue has a way of connecting with the junior sailors, no doubt due to her 18 years teaching at the middle and high school level.

High School Sailing Organization has new regional look

SMSA high school sailors can expect more events to race in this spring since the Middle Atlantic Scholastic Sailing Association (MASSA) has just adopted a new league structure. In brief, there are now 3 leagues within our district, North (NY, Pennsylvania and New Jersey), Central (Maryland, Delaware, and Northern Virginia), and South (Virginia except for the most Northern part). The spring season will include local regattas arranged by the leagues, who are responsible for selecting teams to attend a minimum of 3 MASSA-wide regattas. The best two of three so-designated MASSA-wide double-handed regattas will use the low-point scoring system to determine season champions. An overall championship points system will be retained to decide the overall school year champions.

Long time SMSA member and high school coach Stovy Brown was elected Central League Director on the provisional MASSA board of district directors. This board will serve until the MASSA bylaws are completed (by the fall season) which will include the final structure of the MASSA board of directors.

MASSA will probably have the dates for varsity events set by late February. The first regatta this spring for SMSA high school sailors may well be the weekend of March 20 in Annapolis at Severn Sailing Association.

High School Sailors, it is time to sign up for the spring season. Go to the Junior page of SMSA.com for the forms needed.

Junior Membership at SMSA

If you sign up for a summer camp or high school sailing at SMSA, and you or your family are not already members of SMSA, then part of your sign up fee goes toward a junior membership for you. As a junior member, you are eligible to race SMSA Opti's and FJ's at local regattas, try out and participate on the SMSA Opti racing team and on the SMSA sponsored high school teams. And don't forget to come out for our Sunday Junior Racing!

Check out the Junior Program @ SMSA.com