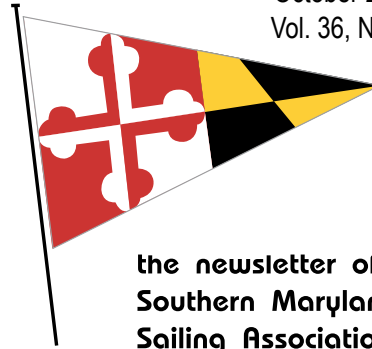


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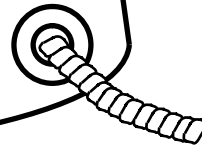
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the clew



COMMODORE



If you have been following along with my monthly articles and staying up to speed with news on the website and the forum, you will know that big changes are underway at SMSA.

In early September, we negotiated a lease with the owners of the former Hi-Tide Marine facility and assumed occupancy in mid-September. This solves a few immediate problems facing SMSA: a location for club gatherings, a high-school sailing venue, and plenty of storage for the club's assets. Keep an eye out for information and announcements regarding events at our new clubhouse!

Dave Pedersen has a 'moving party' scheduled for October 14th. If several people contribute a little bit of time to help, it will be easy work. This is your chance to come see our new place and all of the potential it offers our club.

Additionally, the new by-laws have adjusted some of the dates in which major SMSA business matters occur. Among those is Board elections. The new structure will elect Directors and Officers at the November meeting. Please see articles elsewhere in this clew for additional information and details.

Shawn Stanley, Commodore



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UPCOMING BOG MEETING AGENDA

SMSA BOG Meeting
1930, Thursday October 5, 2006
Holly II Building

Pressing Business

- New Facility Lease update & status – Jacki Meiser, SSC chair
- Site Selection Committee report

Monthly Business

- New Memberships
- Officer & Governor reports
- Upcoming Events - brief synopsis by Governors having such events

Old Business

- Clubhouse vacating plans update – Dave P.
- Clew distribution update – David M.
- 2007 slate update – Walt Rupp

New Business

- New clubhouse transition update – Don
- Policy Book creation

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

BOG MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of BOG meetings can be found in the member forum at www.smsa.com.

SMSA LIBRARY

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

SUBMISSIONS TO THE CLEW

The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of The Clew is:

October 15, 2006.

Email to: clew@smsa.com

If you submit an article for the clew, you will receive an email acknowledging receipt. Articles and digital pictures are always appreciated!

Feedback or suggestions for articles or content can also be sent to the email address above.

HELP WANTED



Fall is a great time for all kinds of activities. Watching the leaves fall, sailing in the Frostbite series and MOVING THE CLUBHOUSE!

Between now and Saturday, October 14th, we need individuals to help sort through years of stuff and assist in the process of moving the Club. Most items will be boxed and taken to storage or to the new club facility.

We will have boxes, packing tape and markers available to help in the process. If you would like to assist over the next couple of weeks, please contact me by email at pedersendavec@hotmail.com or by phone at 410-326-2867 or cell at 410-474-8885. We really need your help to make this move a smooth transition.

On October 14th, we will begin the work at 9 a.m. You can expect a great cup of coffee, and a nosh, not to mention the sense of satisfaction you will get through volunteering. What a deal! We expect to work into the early afternoon.

Dave Pedersen, Facilities



SOCIAL



At last things are starting to happen. Moving day is October 14th and “all hands on deck” are needed. Please come to the old club house to help pack and move items to our new home. Even if you can just spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Chili/Oyster Feast will be held Sunday, October 22 at 4:00, following the Fall Invitational Race. Please bring a pot of your favorite “secret recipe” chili or any other item you may think compliments this main dish. Oysters, wine, beer and other beverages will be provided by SMSA. (Please note that the October calendar may be incorrect about the date of this event.)

The next date to take note of is the General Meeting which has been rescheduled for November 4th at 9:30 AM. Looking forward to seeing everyone in our new digs.

BJ Moore, Social

Annual Chilli & Oyster Feast

**Sunday, October 22
4:00 p.m.**

at the

NEW CLUBHOUSE!

(follows the Fall Invitational Race)

WELCOME ABOARD



The BOG would like to present to the membership a few of our newest recruits:

Charles “Chuck” Collins has applied for an individual membership. He is being sponsored by Keith Jacobs.

If you happen to run across any of the new sea going folks, snatch them up for crew and give them a big hello.

Marc DeLavernne, Membership Governor

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE Avon 310 Rover Inflatable, 10'2”long and includes a fiberglass seat, oars and carrying case. Boat was manufactured in 2001. Perfect for use as sailing dingy and already has 3 lift points installed. Original owner. **\$1,000.00 OBO.** Please contact Palmer or Carol Esau at 410-326 2283.

RACING

GOVERNOR'S REPORT



The Annapolis Sailboat Show is almost upon us, which must mean we're getting close to the end of the sailing season. But thankfully, we do have plenty of good racing ahead of us before we start putting our boats away for the short off-season. With the typical good wind of October, we're looking at the Fall Race Series (Sun, 1 Oct.), Hooper/Pt-No-Pt (Sat, 14 Oct.), Fall Invite (Sun, 22 Oct.), and the Frostbites series on Sundays in November.

At the last Wednesday Night Race on 13 September, after the Fun Race (with Sara Southworth and her Krugerrand crew leading the "Fowl" Weather activities as RC; thank you Sarah!), we celebrated another successful Wednesday Night season and presented awards for both the 14-race regular series and the 6-race pro series. After a great complimentary BBQ put out by Skip Zahniser and the "Pool Bar" staff, our Vice Commodore, Don Behrens, was on hand to announce the race results and award the trophies. Congratulations to those skippers and crews who received awards.

As you can see, 13 different boats received trophies, and congratulations to the crews of the 43 boats that participated in this summer's Wednesday Night series. We owe a warm thanks to Skip and Ellen Zahniser who provided us with the great venue of the Z's Pool Bar for the race results. And, thank you to Fred and his Pool Bar staff (Katie, Allison, Kate, Liz, Kelly, and Beth) for keeping our drinks full and the Hooters coming through out the Wednesday Night season.

Once again, our Screwpile Race Committee was asked by CBYRA to travel to Annapolis to manage one of the race circles for Annapolis Race Week over Labor Day Weekend. Although it's a lot of work to plan for, set up logistics, and perform RC for this major Bay-wide event, it is a source of great recognition for the professionalism of our Screwpile RC crew. Don Behrens, as Principle Race Officer, and his crew of 23 SMSA volunteers served as RC on the 4th course, for Etchells and Melges 24s. They got off three races in very challenging, light air conditions after fighting through Tropical Storm Ernesto to get to Annapolis. Don and his Screwpile RC crew once again represented SMSA in outstanding fashion.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up for RC duty for our SMSA races. As a volunteer club, the racing doesn't happen without all of us pitching in for occasional RC duty. The



6-Race Pro Series Winners, Green Fleet



6-Race Pro Series Winners, Blue Fleet



6-Race Pro Series Winners, White Fleet

great racing that we enjoy is attributable to all of you.

As we move into the final months of the season, be thinking about ways we can make our great race program even better. Once again we'll be holding our Winter All Racers' Meeting to discuss suggested improvements. There are lots of good ideas out there, so please bring them to the meeting this winter (date TBA).

Enjoy the Boat Show!

Jim Keen, Race Governor



14-Race Regular Series Winners, Green Fleet

6-Race Pro Series

GREEN FLEET

- 1st----- Synergy
- 2nd----- Archimedes Principle
- 3rd----- Elan

BLUE FLEET

- 1st----- Scott Free
- 2nd----- Wicked Good
- 3rd----- Kruggerand

WHITE FLEET

- 1st----- The Riddler
- 2nd----- Rhumb Punch
- 3rd----- Splash

14-Race Regular Series

GREEN FLEET

- 1st----- Synergy
- 2nd----- Bob
- 3rd----- Elan

BLUE FLEET

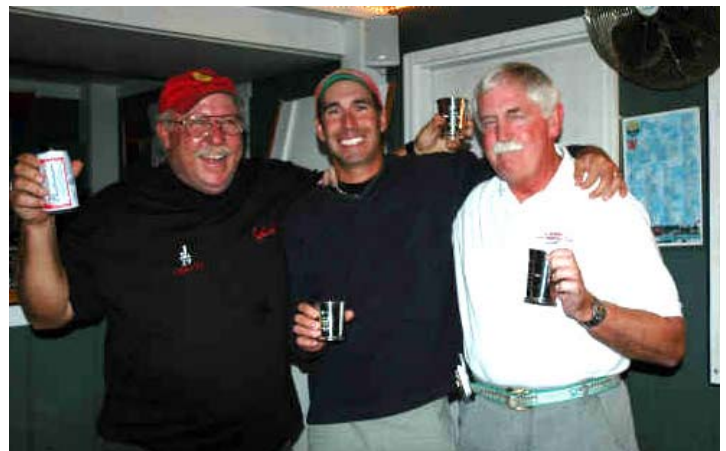
- 1st----- Scott Free
- 2nd----- Cheetah
- 3rd----- Wicked Good

WHITE FLEET

- 1st----- Foxtrot Corpen
- 2nd----- Splash
- 3rd----- Little Latitudes



14-Race Regular Series Winners, Blue Fleet



14-Race Regular Series Winners, White Fleet

MIXED COUPLES RACE/CRUISE REPORT (AUGUST 19-20)

The annual SMSA Mixed Couples Race/Cruise from Patuxent River mark "6A" at Sandy Point to mark "18" off of Battle Creek included thirteen racers and three cruisers. Because of the large number of boats, two fleets were organized for spinnaker and non-spinnaker racers.

The eight spinnaker boats were *Noon Somewhere* (Smitty and Carol Smith and friend Kevin Landis who helped crew on Sunday's return), *Koel* (Gresh and Rene Sackett), *Njord* (Jay and Elaine Green), *Sequoia* (Chris and Kate Miller), *Synergy* (Shawn and Laura Stanley), *Rhumb Punch* (John Edwards and Becky Ratcliff), *Little Latitudes* (Jeff and Donna Moore and dog Hobie), and the RC boat *Lickety-Split* (Les Griffith and Donna Maneely).

The five non-spinnaker boats were *Toby* (Chris and Karen Eggert), *Wavedancer* (Mark and Carrie Brownhill), *Rigel* (Mark and Cheri DeLaVergne and dog Clipper), *Shermax* (Max and Sherma Munger), and *Bonaventure* (Chip Martin, Helen Cummings, children Erik and Elise, and Gretchen the daschund).

The cruisers were *Rule of Thumb* (John and Maggie Weir accompanied by granddaughter Rebeckah Stanley), *Serenity* (Curt and Dottie Hamilton), and the powerboat *American Flyer* (Dan and Wendy Schneider). What a happy fleet we were!

The race began around 10:00 AM when the first racers crossed the starting line between Patuxent River "6A" and the Race Committee. The starts continued until everyone had crossed the starting line, which took about an hour. The RC boat, *Lickety-Split*, recorded the starting times. The winds were fluky and very light from out of the south at 0 to 6 knots. There were many drifting times sailing up river for the early starters. The winds filled in nicely for the later starters, making it hard work at times for a crew of two. Each racer recorded their own finish time and provided it later to RC at the Battle Creek anchorage.

At Battle Creek, *Sequoia* put out the hook for an impressive raft of 15 racers and cruisers, where everyone enjoyed various activities and conversations. One of the favorite activities was a jellyfish-free pool set up by *Noon Somewhere*. Regan Edwards from the *Rhumb Punch* family arrived with four young visitors who joined us for a dip in the pool. These young men were from an Annapolis sailing program called "Box of Rain" which introduces sailing to underprivileged youngsters.

In addition to the activities enjoyed by the human sailors, the four-legged sailors enjoyed a quick swim and retrieving their toys. A few dinghy trips were made ashore to give the three dogs much needed relief.

The RC began to calculate the race results when a laptop problem had Les reaching for the calculator. Thankfully, Shawn loaned the RC his laptop so that results were finished quickly. Happy Hour, with a wide variety of snacks and beverages, was enjoyed on several boats. It was great to see *Serenity* out on the water again for the first time in two



Sequoia racing up Patuxent River



Noon Somewhere on her way home



Jelly-fish-free pool courtesy of Noon Somewhere

years now that their boat renovations are complete.

At 6:00 PM, race results were announced and Donna presented informal awards of wine, brownies, or cookies to the top three racers of each class. The spinnaker winners were *Lickety-Split*, *Synergy*, and *Little Latitudes*. The non-spinnaker winners were *Shermax*, *Toby*, and *Rigel*. Congratulations to all the racers for a job well done!

Before dinner, boats prepared for the evening by breaking up the raft into several smaller ones and some boats returned home. Dinner and post-dinner conversations continued into the evening. As the evening progressed, a cool breeze directed into the cabin by wind scoops made the night very comfortable for sleeping.

Sunday morning brought light winds and a plan for an informal race back with staggered starting times based on each boat's handicap rating. Four boats: *Synergy*, *Noon Somewhere*, *Little Latitudes*, and *Lickety-Split* participated in the race back to Solomons ending with a rendezvous at Zahniser's pool. Spotty winds made sailing challenging throughout this race. Since everyone was anxious to cool off in the pool, three out of four racers let their trusty motors help them make their way to Zahniser's. Only *Lickety-Split* decided to resist the urge to finish under motor despite losing a spinnaker sheet.

Let's all do it again next year!

Donna Maneely and Les Griffith, Lickety-Split



15 boats (16 hulls) rafted on one anchor for happy hour



Lickety-Split ahead again



Little Latitudes enjoying the sail home

TRAILER LOAD OF JY15'S ARRIVE



Keith Jacobs and Joe Kubinec traveled to Massachusetts to pick up five donated JY15's for the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation. It is expected that the boats will be used in the high school sailing program.

Joe Kubinec

CRUISING

GOVERNOR'S REPORT



Welcome your interim Cruise Governor – Wayne Wilson!

Rene and I will be taking Koel south for the winter and Wayne has volunteered to fill in for me beginning September 5th. As you know, Wayne and Sally have been very active and enthusiastic cruisers on Virginia Dare.

Wayne looks forward to hearing from you. He can be reached at home 703-716-2364, by cell 703-967-9211, or by email at vadare@gmail.com.

INTERIM CRUISE GOVERNOR



SMSA members – I will be filling-in for Gresh Sackett as the interim Cruise Governor for the remainder of his term. Gresh & Rene are sailing Koel to the warm waters of the Bahamas this fall.

My wife Sally and I have met some of you over the last year at events at the club house or on the water. Many more,

however we have not met and so I offer a brief introduction of myself, my spouse and our boat!

We joined SMSA just 2-years ago, sponsored by Rod Schroeder. We sail Virginia Dare which we moor at Solomons Yachting Center. We are just a couple slips inboard of a T-head, so give us a holler as you pass by on the way up, or down Back Creek. We see many of you out there en route to races, cruises or day sails.

Our sailing style is cruising, almost always on the Chesapeake, but if we can ever get retired (we're trying!) we'll add some time on the Atlantic, up and down the East Coast.

Sally teaches (3rd grade) I engineer (reconnaissance systems) and we've been doing it for nearly 40-years. Hopefully, sometime in 2007, we will be building a small house on a tiny lot in Solomons (across that small bight south of Zahniser's) and join you as neighbors. Until then, we hope to meet as many of you as we can, and maybe raft up at sunset for happy hour with some of you.

I will be embellishing the Cruise page on the SMSA web – if you have some pictures or paragraphs of 2006 cruises that you'd like to share, please send them along to me. Don't worry about file size; you will be helping me get some value out of my monthly wideband bill!

We've enjoyed a very active cruising season so far – in spite of the heat. As I write this, the Hamilton's ten day Baltimore cruise is in progress after a prudent delay for Ernesto. The Hoile's Rappahannock Cruise begins October 7th, and then we have the fun Halloween and Frostbite cruises to look forward to.

See the next page for details on these cruises and send pictures to Mark at clew@smsa.com!

Fair winds!

Now, for some "stats" on the current state of the SMSA 2006 Cruise Program:

- 47% of the season's scheduled cruise days completed
- 12 cruises were successfully completed (through Aug)
- 4 cruises have been cancelled due to weather or insufficient participation
- 55 boats have participated (sorties, in aviation-speak)
- 435 cruise points have been assigned among 22 boats
- Current high points leaders are: Calypso (64) (Siesseger), Koel (40) (Sackett) and Swan (39) (Mowbray)
- 61 cruise points are still waiting to be claimed
- May & June were high points months with the most participation
- April was the low points month with least participation (July nearly as unpopular, for opposite reasons on the Fahrenheit scale.)
- Frank & Rita Gerred's USNA Cruise was the most heavily attended – 9 boats
- Ron & Suzie Williams', Where the Wind Blows and Fred & Sharon Siesseger's, Sailing Smith's Seas cruises were very popular: 7 boats joining each.
- 8 boats have sailed 1000-nm this season... details on that in the next Clew
- 9 cruises yet remain during the prettiest time on the Bay – please join in!

Lastly, thanks to Gresh for his absolutely first-rate cruise organization on shore, and to both he and Rene for their warm hospitality on the water.

Wayne Wilson, Interim Cruise Governor

HALLOWEEN CRUISE (POTOMAC RIVER FLEET) OCTOBER 28-29

Nimue will be anchored in Smith Creek waiting for tricks and treats. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume and jack-o-lantern.

Give us a call or send us a message if you plan to join us. We need to ensure that we have enough treats! Of course, radio check-in on VHF channel 9 at 1000, 1200, 1400 and 1600.

Kris and Ron Hoile, Nimue

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RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER CRUISE, OCTOBER 7-15

Join us for a one-week cruise down the Bay to the Rappahannock River and the town of Urbanna. We will be sailing south on Saturday, October 7 for our first destination; Mill Creek, south of the Great Wicomico.

Our anchorages as we head for Urbanna will be Mill Creek; Dymmer Creek in Fleets Bay; the east branch of the Corrotoman River. We will arrive in Urbanna on the 10th with a lay-day on the 11th. This should give us plenty of time to enjoy Urbanna and get our ice cream fix at the old-fashioned soda fountain in Marshall's Drug Store.

While in Urbanna we will stay at the Town Marina, 804-758-5440. We have a block of slips reserved for SMSA but will need to provide the dockmaster with boat and owner information. Please let us know if you are planning on joining us so that we can provide the requested information to the marina.

On the return trip north we will anchor in the west branch of the Corrotoman River; Antipoison Creek in Fleets Bay; and our last night at anchor will either be Mill Creek again or the Great Wicomico (depending on weather).

While underway during the cruise we will monitor VHF Channel 9 and 16, calling for check-in on Channel 09 at 1000, 1200, 1400 and 1600.

We need to confirm slip reservations with the Town Marina by the 3rd of October and would like to hear from you by then. If you plan on joining us mid-cruise let us know so that we can keep you informed as to schedule or anchorage changes.

Kris and Ron Hoile, Nimue

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HALLOWEEN CRUISE (PATUXENT RIVER FLEET) OCTOBER 28-29

It's time for all the ghosts, goblins, witches and other assorted spooky characters to meet on the water for a fun get-together. Meet us for a fun raft-up in the usual anchoring spot in St. Leonard's Creek.

Walkabout should have the anchor down and ready to start the party by 1600. Let us know if you'll be joining us and especially let us know if you're bringing any young members of your crew. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. We're looking forward to Happy Hour with Tricks and Treats for all.

Dave and Lois Zonderman onboard Walkabout

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GREAT WICOMICO CRUISE REPORT (AUGUST 25-26)

Historically the weather turns nice the last week of August, the heat and humidity diminish and evenings begin to cool down. Not so this weekend. Temps were predicted to reach the mid-nineties with high humidity and possible afternoon thunderstorms – not much change from our summer thus far. No matter, we are cruising.

With 3 boats expected to sail down the Bay to join us, *Nimue* (Kris and Ron Hoile) headed out of the Potomac River towards the Great Wicomico River. Radio check-in revealed that *Calypso* (Frank and Rita Gerrad) was just ahead of us! How did they get here so quickly?

Wavedancer (Mark and Carrie Brownhill) was headed down the Bay, but *Calypso* (Fred Siessiger) had to abandon the cruise for mechanical reasons. *Calypso* had got their head start by leaving the Pax on Friday, anchoring in Smith Creek for the evening, and they would arrive at the anchorage just ahead of *Nimue*.

Wavedancer developed mechanical trouble just as they rounded Smith Point and limped into Herring Creek and Tall Timbers Marina. *Nimue* anchored and took *Calypso* alongside for happy hour and visiting. We had a nice visit, no thunderstorms and a quiet evening.

The next morning we headed back up the Bay for home ports and tried a little sailing, the wind was just enough to trick you into raising sail but the seas robbed your wind and left flapping sails. Another motor on the Chesapeake - but a good weekend.

Kris and Ron Hoile, Nimue

THE CHOPTANKS CRUISE REPORT (AUGUST 12 – 18)



Cat Morgan (Nikki and Jack Goodman) left Solomon's on a cool August morning, 72 degrees, winds 7-10 k, NNE. We tacked up the Bay and sailed into the Little Choptank. At 5 pm we motored into Fishing Creek, rafting with *Swan* (Ken and Ellie Mowbray), as they had already set their anchor. *Decoy* (Curt and Judy Larsen) joined the raft

a bit later. We had a lovely happy hour discussing the worlds' problems and southbound ICW plans.

On Sunday, *Decoy* left for home in Solomon's. *Swan* and *Cat Morgan* sailed in light winds and motored and motored-sailed to the 'Big' Choptank. As *Cat Morgan* neared the Choptank River Spider we saw nine log canoes racing toward Oxford. As we rounded Martin Point and entered La Trappe Creek, we found *Swan*, anchored behind the sandy point. *Kalypso* (Fred Siessiger) joined the cruise later that afternoon; he had been watching the log canoe races in Oxford. At happy hour we all enjoyed Fred's' wonderful hors d'oeuvres as all of us recounted sailing stories.

On Monday there was a brisk north wind as we left La Trappe Creek. Everyone had a spectacular sail to the Cambridge Yacht Basin, where we tied up at the Municipal Marina. *Sunray* (Peter and Susan Holt) joined us at the marina. The Yacht Basin is currently being enlarged to add more slips, and with all the barges and marine equipment in the river, it was difficult to figure out where the marina entrance was located! We spent two days at the marina. We had great happy hours in the park that surrounds the marina, we had to be careful not to gain weight with Fred Siessigers', Susan Holts' and Ellie Mowbrays' hors d'oeuvres. All of us walked the town, exploring the historic houses and visiting the wonderful library.

On Wednesday *Kalypso*, *Swan*, *Sunray* and *Cat Morgan* sailed for Plaindealing Creek on the Tred Avon, although *Cat Morgan* stopped in Oxford for ice cream on the way. We all anchored out that evening. Plaindealing is a very quiet, idyllic anchorage, but we livened it up a bit with happy hour on *Sunray*!

The next day, Thursday, *Sunray* sailed home to Solomon's. In light winds, *Swan*, *Kalypso* and *Cat Morgan* sailed and motored-sailed to San Domingo Creek and St. Michael's. We all dinghied into St. Michael's for a late lunch at the "Crab Claw". Later that evening, there was another fantastic Happy Hour on *Swan*, with wonderful company and delicious hors d'oeuvres. That evening we also discussed the weather predictions for the weekend: southerly winds. On Friday they



Kalypso sailing with Swan



Kalypso anchored at sunset

were forecasting northerly winds, about 10 knots, so we all decided to sail home.

For August, it was a great cruise, cool days with northerly breezes, short sails, some motoring, wonderful company and fabulous happy hours!

Nikki and Jack Goodman, Cat Morgan



Severe squalls, suffocating heat, and a “Mayday” call were highlights of the cruise. Otherwise, a great time was had by some stalwart sailors.

The evening before departure, a captain’s meeting at the “Drydock” restaurant was energized as lightning bolts struck Solomon’s Harbor. Fortunately for other diners, the loud thunder claps drowned out cell phone calls to the cruise leader from several SMSA skippers blowing off the cruise list like leaves on a gale. While there were a range of excuses, all commented on the weather. In fact, the National Weather Service had just issued a “thunderstorm watch” and “heat warning”.

Fortified by seared tuna steaks and a good Pinot Grigio, SMSA cruisers found their way back to their moorings, and awakened late the next morning to a beautiful day, if an ugly forecast. But, the wind was 15 knots southwesterly, so they sailed off at hull speed up the Bay towards “R 10” on the Choptank. Around 1300 hours, the Weather Service issued “severe thunderstorm warning #469.” An hour later, the government gurus issued a “severe heat wave warning”.

That’s when the first squall hit. The boats were already in the upper reaches of Broad Creek (off the Choptank). Cruise leader Kalypso’s captain (Fred Siesseger) scrambled on deck as the front moved east over the Bay at 40 miles per hour. Just as sails were lowered, the boat was blown sideways and almost knocked down by a gust. Blinding sheets of rain beat down. The dinghy blew over and was almost submerged before popping back upright. A few hundred yards away, the other Kalypso (Bergsman) almost ran aground. Luckily, the squall blew over in ten minutes and the small flotilla was able to anchor, just before another one hit.

Then it got hot. As the temperature approached 100 degrees Fahrenheit the next day, agreement was reached quickly to chart a course for nearby Oxford. Heading into a favorite anchorage in Town Creek, cruisers found it was already occupied by a raft of four other SMSA boats on an annual birthday pilgrimage to the spot. Invited to join them for cocktails, we discovered yet another difference among SMSA members: some like light beer and others prefer heavy ales (*de gustibus non disputandum...* meaning, no arguing with the wind). Soon thereafter, an air conditioned restaurant and ice cream parlor beckoned sailors for a cool evening ashore.

However, listening to the VHF weather forecast the next morning was once again like attending a CPR class on heat stroke. Switching to channel 16 for relief, the cruise leader



Kalypso sailing with full Genoa

heard a very faint call to the Coast Guard, which was repeated several times without response. Finally, he called the distressed vessel and relayed the message to the Coast Guard that a man overboard had been recovered following an earlier “Mayday” call. The Coast Guard had initially heard a faint “Mayday” call from a female voice, but was unable to identify or communicate with the vessel in distress. As a result, Kalypso’s skipper spent the next hour answering questions from the Coast Guard on such matters as the height of his mast, phone numbers, GPS position, etc.

Then it got hotter. With a heat index of 105 degrees F. by noon and not a breath of breeze, sailing was foreclosed. Fortunately, Kalypso (Bergsman) had friends in the area with a swimming pool overlooking Goldsborough Creek, so cruisers motored there with dispatch for a cool and relaxing afternoon.

Returning to their boats in the evening to review the latest forecast, it was clear to all that the heat wave was worsening and the threat of severe storms continuing. By unanimous consent, cruisers decided to head back to Solomons and the air conditioned comforts of landlubbers. Kalypso (Bergsman) even hoisted the hook after hosting an outstanding dinner, the captain again showing his ability to stay awake after considerable intake, motoring back to St. Leonard Creek in the moonless night and reportedly getting to bed at around 4:30AM.

Fred Siesseger, Kalypso

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall race series Women's fall cruise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 6:43 pm 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annapolis boat show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rappahannock cruise Columbus day cruise
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annapolis boat show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 6:32 pm 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOG candidate declarations due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hooper Island/ Point No Point Race Clubhouse clean-up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clew inputs due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 6:22 pm 					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oyster/chili Rendezvous Fall invitational race 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 6:13 pm 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween Cruise
29	30	31				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daylight saving time ends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 5:04 pm 					

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			1	2	3	4
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual planning mtg & brunch Frostbite cruises
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall frostbite #1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 4:57 pm 					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall frostbite #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 4:50 pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clew inputs due 			
18	20	21	22	23	24	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall frostbite #3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 4:46 pm 					
26	27	28	29	30		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall frostbite #4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunset 4:42 pm 					