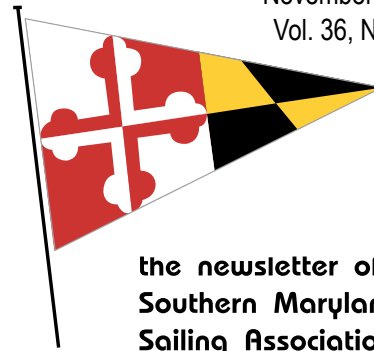


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# the clew

## COMMODORE



As I write this article, the first major event (and last rendezvous of the season) at the new clubhouse is just a few days away. I anticipate that it will be a huge success. Although the list of volunteers is long, I want to extend my personal thanks to Herb Reese, Jacki Meiser, David Meiser & Don Behrens for spearheading the effort to get the new Clubhouse in useable order quite quickly.

Hopefully all members interested in the club's new facility attended to reunite with old friends, have a few oysters and check out what the new clubhouse has to offer SMSA. While no existing facility in this day and age is ideal, I want to take a few moments to highlight some items that that I believe this new facility provides, which are essential to the club's survival and future prosperity.

This new facility offers a centralized location on Main Street in Solomons for all of SMSA's activities. It has a large social area that fronts Main Street, with a bar, and adequate space for future kitchen facilities. High school & other junior sailing programs can now occur in one place. The building of-

fers space for seminars/training, boat storage, equipment storage and boat repair areas (covered outdoor and indoor). The current pier is adequate for a few large sailboats, with 80 feet of "T" pier and 11 feet of water. The pier(s) also have numerous slips & space for smaller/shallow draft boats.

Future development could improve this ratio to allow more sailboats. There is space along the bulkhead currently being used for existing SMSA owned floating docks, which can serve as a launch & setup area for small boats or a landing dock for members and guests arriving by dinghy. The grounds currently offer a boat ramp, a rare commodity today, for launch and retrieval of SMSA safety boats and other small trailerable boats.

Coming this month, the Frostbite results & post race gathering will be held at the Clubhouse. Racers can come by boat or car. The racing will take place just off the rock seawall near CBL, which is great for spectating! All members are encouraged to attend!

In the hopes of making full use of this facility, keep a sharp lookout in the Clew and on the SMSA website for information about other events throughout the fall & winter season.  
*Shawn Stanley, Commodore*

# GENERAL NOTICES

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## UPCOMING BOG MEETING AGENDA

SMSA BOG Meeting  
1930, Thursday November 2, 2006  
SMSA Clubhouse

### Monthly Business

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

### Old Business

- Clew distribution update – David M.
- Policy book status – Don
- Clubhouse transition update – Don
- Bylaws modification - junior dues

### New Business

### Closing Remarks

### Adjourn

## BOG MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of BOG meetings can be found in the member forum at [www.smsa.com](http://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](http://www.smsa.com).

## SUBMISSIONS TO THE CLEW

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

**November 15, 2006.**

**Email to: [clew@smsa.com](mailto: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.

To prevent your Clew email notice being marked as SPAM, add [clew@smsa.com](mailto:clew@smsa.com) to your email address book.

## SOCIAL



The next event of interest will be the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting which is scheduled for November 4th at 9:30 A.M. Then, within a few short weeks the holidays will be upon us.

The annual Christmas Gathering is once again scheduled in coordination with the light parade, only now the boats will pass by within a few feet from where you stand. That date is Saturday, December 9th. The exact time and more details will be posted in the December Clew and the Forum.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped move the “kitchen” to our new digs. I couldn’t believe how much got done in such a short period of time. It was great. If you have any questions or concerns drop a note or call. Thanks again.

*BJ Roberts, Social*

## LIGHT PARADE OF BOATS



SIYC reminds us that the annual Light Parade of Boats will take place off Solomons on 9 December this year. There is a captains’ meeting at the SIYC clubhouse at 1700 hours, and the parade departs from there at 1730 hours. All are invited to participate.

For more information contact

Nick Metz, SIYC Fleet Captain, at telephone 410.474.7706 or email [nickmetz@closecall.com](mailto:nickmetz@closecall.com)

## WOMEN’S PROGRAM

It’s time to start planning for the SMSA Winter Seminars, so if you have a topic you would like to suggest, a speaker to recommend, or if you would like to present a topic, please contact me by phone (410) 326-6596 or e-mail [bmiller799@comcast.net](mailto:bmiller799@comcast.net) and I’ll get you on the schedule.

So far there’s been a request from the Sea Scouts for a “rules of racing” seminar. The provisioning/wine tasting was popular last time, so I’m thinking maybe a beer tasting this winter. Perhaps one of the cruisers could put something together about places to go on the bay.

Any ideas you may have will be most welcome!

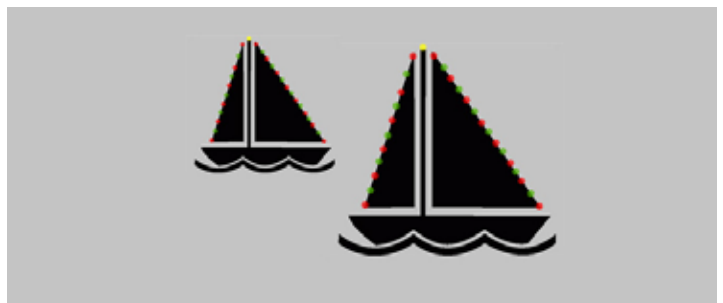
*Barbara Miller, Women’s Governor*

# Annual Membership Meeting

## & Brunch

**Saturday, November 4  
9:30 a.m.**

**at the clubhouse!**



*Is it a tug pushing? A tug pulling? Ten tugs pulling and pushing?  
No, it’s the Solomons’ Light Parade of Boats!*

## CLASSIFIED

DISCOUNT RUNNING RIGGING. Halyards, Sheets, other control lines, all with quality splicing - significant discount from retail stores. Cruisers: looking to replace some of that old ratty line?

Low cost, high quality lines available. Racers: looking for spectra, vectran, dyneema? Stripped halyards or tapered light air sheets? Custom rigging available. Contact Chris at [cmmiller0411@comcast.net](mailto:cmmiller0411@comcast.net) or 410-495-8420.



# RACING

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT



First, I want to congratulate John and Linda Edwards and their *Rhumb Punch* crew on their exciting overall first in the 2006 J/29 North American Championships in late September. The *Rhumb Punch* crew put the hammer down with a hard fought bullet on the 10th and final race to stave off strong runs by 2nd and 3rd place overall finishers, *Hustler* from City Island, NY and *The Fish* from Rochester, NY.

They raced over a three day period in big wind and choppy seas out of Oxford's Tred Avon Yacht Club. The J/29 races attracted a competitive field of 11 boats that included SMSA's *Splash*.

Among John and Linda's winning crew were Papa Punch, himself, along with daughter Regan Weaver and her husband Tom Weaver, Geoff Rhoades, Joe Szymanski, Sandy Leitner, Shawn & Laura Stanley, and Clarke McKinney. Congratulations to John and Linda and their *Rhumb Punch* crew on a great victory! Nice!

October racing has been great! We've had good wind, sun and warm temperatures. And, we have had nice turnouts for these weekend races — 12 boats for the Fall Series and 16 for Hooper/Point-No-Point. As I write this, we are also anticipating a big turnout for the final race of October with the opening of the new clubhouse/ Chile Cook-off and Oyster Scald rendezvous following the Fall Invitational.

I hope that everyone had a chance to make the annual pilgrimage to the Annapolis Sailboat Show this past month. As always, there were plenty of neat toys to look at. Maybe we should all trade our boats in for Esse 850's and race one design in SMSA?

It's hard to believe that the racing season is almost over and Frostbite Races are beginning this month. We'll hope for good wind and nice late fall days as we've been fortunate to enjoy over the last several Frostbite Series. In a departure from the recent past, we will be announcing the Frostbite race results at a post-race party at the new clubhouse. Expect light snacks and adult beverages. Come and enjoy our very cool facility and its great location.

See you out there on the starting line!

*Jim Keen, Race Governor*



*John receiving J/29 first place trophy*



*Rhumb Punch gets the gun and bullet on final race*



*Krugerrand's skipper and crew checking the trim of sails in the 2nd race of the Fall Invitational*

## SMALL BOAT PROGRAM UPDATE

### 10th Annual Invitational Regatta

The weekend of 23-24 September saw the SMSA Small Boat Program play host to the 10th Annual Invitational Regatta. A total of 37 entrants ranging from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, & South Carolina converged on Solomons for the last-ever event at the old Clubhouse located in Calvert Marina.

By early Saturday morning, a steady breeze had settled over the area, with forecasters calling for 10-15 knots out of the southwest. The reality, however, was that PRO Stovy Brown and his five mark/safety boats encountered 15-20 knots, with recorded gusts hitting 30 knots. Stovy was able to start and finish one race, but conditions necessitated an early end to the day. I wish to extend kudos to everyone involved in Race Committee. Despite challenging conditions on the water, the RC was quick to account for all competitors back on shore, and direct the needed support to one racer that had swamped on the river.

Wind abated that evening, and the BBQ dinner at the Clubhouse was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the generous support of our local West Marine store, numerous door prizes, including binoculars and a go-anywhere chair were awarded to competitors. Unfortunately, we do not yet know if Joe Kubinec has attempted to try-on his baby-doll T-shirt.

Similar conditions on Sunday morning, with predictions for stronger winds as the day wore on, led to abandonment of racing on Sunday. In the end, I never thought I could state that we had a two-day event in which several boats decided to stay ashore due to high wind, had only six boats finish the only race, and had a whole bunch of happy sailors at the end.

### 2006 Season Report

The 2006 season proved to be yet another successful year for the Small Boat Program. Thursday night participation remains strong and steady, and competition has tightened quite a bit.

Unquestionably, the most significant development this year was the action by Joe Szymanski & Sandy Leitner to donate three new perpetual trophies for Thursday night racing. At the January 2007 Awards Banquet, we will announce the first



*High winds disrupt the 10th Annual Invitational Regatta*

winners of the Thursday Night High Point Award, the Thursday Night Most Improved Award, and the Thursday Night Participation Award. Thanks to Joe and Sandy for their generous donation to the Small Boat Program.

Robert Herbig did another fantastic job of running the annual 1-Day Regatta in June. He directed five races for 13 competitors on Saturday, 24 June. Immediately following the racing, people were able to enjoy a cookout at the Clubhouse. Congratulations to David and Jacki Meiser (with crew Don Behrens) on their 1st Place finish (Lightning); 2nd Place was awarded to Dan Liston (Lightning); and, 3rd Place went to Shawn Stanley (Laser).

Planning is already underway for the 2007 season. We hope to see you on the water with us.

*Keith Jacobs, Small Boat Coordinator*

# CRUISING

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT



The cruise calendar is nearly complete with only three cruises remaining at the time of this writing. Current cruise points leaders are: Fred & Sharon Siesseger (Kalypso) 64 points, Ken & Ellie Mowbray (Swan) 44 points, Gresh & Rene Sackett (Koel) 42 points, Jack & Nikki Goodman (Cat Morgan) 42 points and Ron & Suzie Williams (Easy Time) 38 points. The standings are likely to change before the final tally. There are two cruises to report in and still a few remaining to be sailed.

Nine cruisers (so far) have achieved 1000-nm cruise status this season. These, as well as the points leaders, will be recognized at the awards dinner. Who these lucky folks are

and how they logged their miles is summarized below. It is an interesting mix of cruise, race and delivery experiences.

A number of cruisers have departed for the warm waters of the south. Here is a listing of SMSA cruise boats moving south: Koel, Runaway, Easytime, Calypso, Kalypso (S), Mongoose Magic, Cat Morgan.

Finally, it is not too early to give a little preliminary thought to next season. In October, I sent the cruise community a list of thoughts on how to strengthen the cruise program following our move to the new clubhouse. I received some good response and additional ideas. I'll put together a list and bring it to the BOD to see which ideas SMSA can pursue and report back next time.

*Wayne Wilson, Interim Cruise Governor*

### 2006 SMSA 1000nm Cruising Award Candidates

#### **Calypso - Frank & Rita Gerred**

"...exploring the Intercoastal Waterway from the Chesapeake Bay to Florida, crossing the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas and spending the winter enjoying the beautiful waters and beaches of the Abacos."

#### **Cat Morgan - Jack & Nikki Goodman**

"Cruising the Chesapeake and the ICW to the Bahamas."

#### **Easy Time - Ron & Suzie Williams**

"We logged over 500 miles on SMSA cruises and carried the SMSA burgee down the waterway and to the Bahamas."

#### **Foxtrot Corpen - Jim Keen**

"We covered the 1,000 miles plus delivering (cruising) Foxtrot Corpen to Newport, RI (and back) this July to participate in Race Week at Newport (New York Yacht Club)... the Beneteau 36.7 2006 North American Championships. We did have a great week racing in Newport."

#### **Kalypso - Fred & Sharon Siesseger**

"Kalypso surpassed the 1000 nautical mile mark in late July cruising the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers."

#### **Lakahi - Jim Young & Kris Dennie-Young**

"Our trip was across Lake Erie, through the Erie Canal, down the Hudson, along the Jersey coast, up the Delaware Bay/River, through the C&D canal, down the Chesapeake to Solomons. We traveled approximately 1040 miles."

#### **Moonlight Serenade - Sarah Forbush Southworth**

"...we took the ICW to Charleston, before going offshore around Georgia to St. Augustine. From there, due to storms, we took the ICW to Ft. Lauderdale and then, offshore to Dinner Cay (Coconut Grove part of Miami Beach). ...we stayed in the Keys for the season before riding the Gulf Stream and bumping up the ICW to Solomons on April 2nd."

#### **Pursuit - Norm & Rosemary Dawley**

"...Solomons to Larchmont, NY 42 hrs, 330 nm. Block Island Race, a 185 nm, no-wind, fog derby [3rd in class]. Cruised from Larchmont, NY to Newport, RI via Westport and Essex, CT, 6 days 135 nm. Centennial Newport-Bermuda Race, 635 slow miles [11th in class]. ...Hamilton Bermuda to Solomons... 710 nm."

#### **Runaway - Matt & Marty Miller**

"... we have carried the SMSA Burgee with pride from Maine to the Bahamas and back again."

## THE BALTIMORE CRUISE REPORT (SEPTEMBER 1-10)



The day we were to leave, a visitor came. Ernesto. He was just violent enough that it was a good thing we all stayed home. Then Saturday was used for a clean up day. Fortunately, we did not have much debris, so we were able to start cruising at noon. Unfortunately, the others had to stay home to finish clean up.

*Serenity* (Curt and Dottie Hamilton) started out with South winds that clocked around to North by the time we reached Selby Bay on the South River. There were a couple of other boats anchored with us, but none from SMSA.

Sunday, the 3rd, we anchored in Whitehall Bay, and were joined by *Cat Morgan* (Jack and Nikki Goodman), *Easy Time* (Ron and Suzie Williams), *Nimue* (Ron and Criss Hoile), and *Decoy* (Curt and Judy Larsen). Seems that Ernesto used up all the wind; the rest of the cruise was motoring. On to Baltimore Monday. I think all the inconsiderate power boaters were either leaving or going to Baltimore, there were enough wakes to keep us occupied.

We stayed at the Inner Harbor East Marina on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Tuesday it rained all day, so we were all pretty quiet. It did let up in time for us to all have Happy Hour and go out to dinner. Most every one drifted around to see the sights.

We left the marina just before noon on Thursday and headed back to White Hall Bay. Still motoring.

Friday *Easy Time*, *Nimue* and *Decoy* headed to the Little Choptank so they could be in Solomons by Saturday. *Serenity* and *Cat Morgan* went to Shaw Bay on the Wye River and met up with *Swan* (Ken and Ellie Mobary) and *Gusto*. What a gorgeous evening.

Still motoring Saturday morning, *Serenity*, *Swan*, and *Gusto* went to Leadenham Creek while *Cat Morgan* headed back to Solomons.

Sunday morning we all parted company and headed for our respective slips. We were actually able to motor sail home.

After two years in dry dock, *Serenity* was glad to be back cruising.

*Curt & Dottie Hamilton*

## FROSTBITE CRUISE (PATUXENT RIVER) NOVEMBER 4

The Patuxent Frost Bite Cruise scheduled for November 4 is canceled due to the fact that the SMSA Annual meeting has been scheduled for the same weekend.

*Jan and Walt Rupp*



*Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina*



*Friends at happy hour*



*Sunset at anchor*

WOMEN'S CRUISE REPORT (SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1)



The Women's Cruise was another fun weekend on two Catalinas with 10 women. Sailing up the Patuxent River with SW winds from 4.5 knots to 16 knots, we arrived at Island Creek to anchor in good time for a long rendezvous.

*Ruste Nayle* anchored, hailing *Illumination* to raft alongside. A royal feast for hungry sailors was shared by all, except for that powerboat with two old men who twice circled us gorgeous women.

Thank you to Pat Schroeder for offering accommodations to Virginia Chandler, Janet LaBelle (guest from Massachusetts), Janet Rupp and Mary Ellen Shepherd on *Ruste Nayle*.

Thank you to Pat Marchant for offering accommodations to Linda Conroy, Mardy Miller, Becky Strandberg and Linda Walts on *Illumination*.

The Women's Cruise weekend was ideal (look what happened the following weekend [rain, rain, rain, and the Annapolis Sailboat Show]). Because Island Creek is in the proximity of Jefferson-Patterson Park, the spectacular fireworks brought all of us on deck, even though most of it was blocked by trees.

Thanks to all 10 of us who made this cruise possible. Here's to next year.

*Janet Rupp, Cruise Leader*



*From left to right: Marty Miller, Linda Walts, Mary Ellen Shepherd and Janet Rupp*



*From left to right: Janet Rupp, Pat Schroeder and Virginia Chandler*



*Illumination and Ruste Nayle rafted*



*From left to right: Pat Marchant, Janet LaBelle, Becky Strandberg and Linda Conroy*



## TEK-TIPS

### BATTERY PROTECTION



Does the idea of dropping a screwdriver or wrench across the terminals of your huge cruising battery bank wake you up at night in a cold sweat?

As you know, every simple boat problem has a specialized and expensive solution. I travelled far and wide re-viewing “little booties” and other nautically specific solutions, just to prevent

Murphy setting fire to my ship with the welding arc that can follow a clumsy tool maneuver.

I was getting ready to lay down some serious cash when an honest fellow gave me one of those ultra simple but precious “trade secrets”. “Go to the hardware store and purchase some of that stuff that you use to coat the handles of tools with.”

You need to read and follow the basic instructions, of course, but reading between the lines for intent, because it is very hard to “dip” the battery terminals without drowning yourself in battery acid.

Basically, clean everything up with solvent and tighten all the connections, then paint the stuff on with a cheap, disposable brush. The final job looks good, it seals out moisture, and I can now be as cavalier as I want with the screwdriver and wrench, and the cold sweats at night have abated.

*Dale Koonce, Mongoose Magic, somewhere on the ICW*



*Battery terminals isolated and protected with a coating*

### BLACKBERRY AFLOAT, DON'T CASTOFF WITHOUT IT



Sailing is what the crew of *Wavedancer* does to escape the high-tech, competitive corporate world and just relax. So we didn't even think of bringing along the Palm PDA, even though it includes miniature maps of the whole Chesapeake.

Then our daughter got a Sidekick, a combination cell phone, email, web browser and other assorted entertainment applications. On a vacation weekend in Virginia Beach, she was on a quest to purchase a used chest of drawers for her

new apartment. Out came the Sidekick and onto Google to find out where all the Salvation Army stores were, and then a quick copy and paste to Mapquest to get driving instructions between the stores, all from the comfort of her Honda Accord.

I was impressed with her and the technology. Surely there was an application on the boat? The purchase price is even less than one old Catalina 27 boat dollar!

Now we wouldn't go afloat without one. Instant weather forecasts, browsing yachtworld for the next potential perfect cruising boat, all the boat friendly recipes available while at the grocery store for ingredients and then on the boat for cooking, and email from multiple personal accounts. Calculators, alarm clocks, games, the applications are endless. You can even connect the laptop to it to access the internet at twice dial-up speed to shop or email in large screen luxury.

*Mark Brownhill, Wavedancer*



# CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

| SUNDAY              | MONDAY           | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                             |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|
|                     |                  |         | 1                 | 2        | 3      | 4                                    |
|                     |                  |         |                   |          |        | • Annual Membership Meeting & Brunch |
| 5                   | 6                | 7       | 8                 | 9        | 10     | 11                                   |
| • Fall frostbite #1 | • Sunset 4:57 pm |         |                   |          |        |                                      |
| 12                  | 13               | 14      | 15                | 16       | 17     | 18                                   |
| • Fall frostbite #2 | • Sunset 4:50 pm |         | • Clew inputs due |          |        |                                      |
| 18                  | 20               | 21      | 22                | 23       | 24     | 25                                   |
| • Fall frostbite #3 | • Sunset 4:46 pm |         |                   |          |        |                                      |
| 26                  | 27               | 28      | 29                | 30       |        |                                      |
| • Fall frostbite #4 | • Sunset 4:42 pm |         |                   |          |        |                                      |

DECEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY           | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                      | SATURDAY                             |
|--------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|        |                  |         |           |          | 1                           | 2                                    |
|        |                  |         |           |          |                             | • Christmas Wreath Party             |
| 3      | 4                | 5       | 6         | 7        | 8                           | 9                                    |
|        | • Sunset 4:41 pm |         |           |          | • Christmas Walk/Open House | • Christmas Gathering & Light Parade |
| 10     | 11               | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15                          | 16                                   |
|        | • Sunset 4:41 pm |         |           |          | • Clew inputs due           |                                      |
| 17     | 18               | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22                          | 23                                   |
|        | • Sunset 4:43 pm |         |           |          |                             |                                      |
| 24     | 25               | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29                          | 30                                   |
|        | • Sunset 4:47 pm |         |           |          |                             |                                      |
| 31     |                  |         |           |          |                             |                                      |