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July			
Sun-Thurs	1-2	Delaware City Cruise	
Sat	4	4 th of July Fireworks Party	5:00
Sun	5	Stars and Stripes Race	
Sat	11	Second Saturday Cruisers Raft	5:00
Mon	13	BOD Meeting	7:30
Wed	15	Clew Input Due	
Sun-Tues	19-21	Screwpile Regatta	
Fri-Sun	24-26	Oxford Cruise	

August			
Sat	8	-Geezer Squeezer Regatta -Crab Feast -2 nd Saturday Cruisers Raft	10:00 4:00
Sun	9	Patuxent River Regatta	
Mon	10	Program Chair Meeting	
Fri-Sun	14-16	Annapolis Cruise	
Sat	15	Clew Inputs Due	
Sat	15	Race to Herrington Harbor	
Sun	16	Scott Kirby Concert	3:00
Sun	16	Race from Herrington Harbor	
Sat-Sun	21-22	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise	
Sat	29	Smith Point Race	
Sat-Sun	29-30	Honga River Cruise	

SCOTT KIRBY
BACK AT SMSA ON AUGUST 16TH

By Tim Flaherty

The Southern Maryland Sailing Association is once again hosting singer-songwriter Scott Kirby at the clubhouse in on Sunday August 16th. Doors open at 3pm, and the music begins at 4pm. Last year, Kirby played to a packed house at SMSA. He received two long, standing ovations and said SMSA was the “best venue I’ve played in! It wasn’t like a bar. People paid attention and listened.”



"Scott Kirby (right) with Dave Edmisten played to a crowd of 100 last year at SMSA."

Kirby’s music is featured regularly on Sirius Radio’s Radio Margartaville (channel 31), and the New England native is extremely popular with the “Parrothead” crowd. However, don’t expect the typical beach-bum kind of sound. Much of Kirby’s original music is written based on his experiences sailing around the world and time spent in harbor and beach towns.

“Playing here is great because Solomons is such a beautiful place,” he said. “What a great clubhouse to look out over the water like this.”

Joining Kirby at SMSA will be lead guitarist Dave Edmisten.

Kirby was raised in New England, and still lives in New Hampshire for most of the year. He also spent 13 years living in Key West, and that experience helped define his sound.

There are special incentives for SMSA members to buy tickets and enjoy a special event at your clubhouse. Tickets are \$15 for members, as opposed to \$20 for guests. Also, once entering, members in good standing will receive six FREE \$1 drink tickets good for use at the SMSA bar that day and evening. In addition, we are working on some terrific giveaways and door prizes.

So please come out on the late afternoon and early evening of Sunday, August 16th. If you missed it last year, you missed a great show. You won’t want to miss it again. Tickets are available from Herb Reese, Lisa Flaherty and Tim Flaherty. Write to scottatsmsa@gmail.com or call 301-481-7474 for more info!

GEEZER SQUEEZER

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 10:00 – 2:00.

Are you a Rock Star, Gen-Xer or Geezer?! Come find out at the Annual Geezer Squeezer. Everyone has to fit into and race an Opti once in their life – ok -- maybe twice. Show off your knowledge of race rules – or not! And just have fun. Great to watch from shore side also and question: Why are these large people getting into these little tiny boats? Oh, did that boat just turtle?

ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

RSVP EVENT

Saturday, August 8, 2009, 4:00

It's that time of year again! Come join us for this native specialty. Several bushels of crabs will be ordered based on number of reservations. The final price per person will depend on the price of the crabs that week. Look for upcoming price announcement in the weekly clubhouse email. Please RSVP ASAP at social@smsa.com or call 410 586 1958 (Helen Cummings) and leave a clear message.

If crabs are not your favorite, please join us anyway as the grill will be available for BBQ. The Club will provide soda and water and the bar will be open. Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

NEXT EVENT: October 24, Chili Party and Oyster Scald, 4:00.



Breathtaking Scenery...Less than perfect sailing conditions

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Board of Directors has approved several new applications over the past two months, so please join me in extending a WELCOMD ABOARD to our newest batch of SMSA members!

Trevor & Liz Richards. Many of you may know Trevor and his wife Liz as part owners and site managers of Spring Cove Marina. Over the course of several years, Trevor has been an active participant in our Thursday night small boat race program and has recently encouraged his son Will's involvement. Each now has a Laser on the starting line each week, helping increase our Laser One-Design Fleet. Trevor, Liz and their family look forward to participating in more of our programs and events. The Richards' were sponsored by Shawn Stanley.

Bill & Judy Robinson. Bill and Judy are relatively new to the area and live in Solomons Landing. They have a 38' sailboat named *Wind Stalker* and have an interest in cruising and socializing with SMSA. With so many of our members residing in Solomons Landing, Bill and Judy have been able to meet quite a few of our members over the past few months and they look forward to meeting even more. The Robinson's were sponsored by Rod Schroeder.

Rebecca & Paine Wingate. Rebecca (*Becca, as she's known to most of her friends and fellow sailors*) and Paine have been long-time crew for Joe Frost aboard *Star Gazer II* and Jerry Taylor aboard *Artful Dodger*. Just last year, after Joe decided to purchase a new cruising boat, they bought *Star Gazer II* from him and have it back out on the

course racing each week. In addition to continuing to race *Star Gazer II*, they hope to participate in our club cruising activities. Over the past several years, Becca and Paine have also been participants of our Thursday night small boat program and Becca has been involved in many women's program races. They are familiar faces to many in the club and it great to have them as members. The Wingate's were sponsored by Joe Frost.

John Smith. Yes, that really is his name folks! John relocated to this area last year and owns a Hunter 35 named *Second Wind*, which is kept at Zahniser's YC. John has been sailing for quite some time and looks forward to racing and cruising with SMSA this year. He has been a frequent visitor to our Friday night social gatherings and other events, so he has been able to meet and socialize with many members in the course of his clubhouse visits and time spent at Zahniser's. John was sponsored by Laura Comeau-Stanley.

Megan Hildenberger. Megan is a new member to SMSA, but not new to our programs and activities. For the past few years, she has been an active participant in our Thursday night small boat race program as a reliable Race Committee volunteer and scoring assistant to Keith Jacobs. Not long after participating in our Thursday night program, Megan quickly became interested in Big Boat racing. Shortly thereafter, she began crewing for Norm Dawley on *Pursuit* and has become regular crew for Jim and Barbara Whited on *Whiskers*. Megan has already proven to be valued volunteer for our club and we're delighted to finally have her as a

member. Megan was sponsored by Barbara Whited.

Laura Comeau-Stanley
Membership Chair



RACE/CRUISE TO HERRINGTON HARBOUR

AUGUST 15-16

Mark your calendars for the newest SMSA race/cruise up the Bay to Herrington Harbour and join us. It is certain to be a fun weekend with several social events planned and sponsored by Herrington Harbour Sailing Association (HHSA). These include a social hour and barbeque Saturday night for all at the cost of \$10 per person. Early Sunday morning an innovative and challenging competitive blindfolded dinghy-rowing regatta between our two sailing clubs is planned. Who will volunteer to defend our SMSA burgee? Afterwards a satisfying breakfast will be provided free of charge to winners, losers, and non-racers. Details for the weekend are provided in our SMSA Race Circular (either in the book or on the Racing website). A link to the Race Circular page for this event is also provided in the Cruising section of the SMSA website.

All participants are encouraged to make overnight slip arrangements with Herrington Harbour South Transient Desk at 301-855-8399. The cost is \$3 per foot. They will be happy to answer all questions regarding marina services and are now accepting reservations. Mention that you are with SMSA and they will put us near each other. We already have some prompt SMSA sailors who have made their arrangements.

The Saturday race up there includes a Corinthian Class start at 0900, an hour before the PHRF Class starts. This is designed to encourage more SMSA members to join the race and get a head start at a more leisurely pace. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the excitement of racing along with the comradery of a cruise. The race is 26 nautical miles. If any racer does not have a valid PHRF rating, a provisional one will be assigned. Please contact the Race Chairman ahead of time if you need a rating for this race. On Sunday after the HHSA sponsored breakfast, all racers and cruisers can have a casual sail back to Solomons.

Let's have a good turnout for this new race/cruise in cooperation with our friends at HHSA . See you on the race course!

Donna Maneely and Les Griffith
Lickety-Split
Cruise Leaders

July Cruising.

The SMSA cruising community has only one cruise planned for July. This is a three day cruise hosted by Kate & Chris Miller and it is a week-end in Oxford, on the Tred Avon River, off the Choptank

River. On Friday, 24 July, the raft will be in Plaindealing Creek, a great anchorage just north of Oxford. Watch for the shoaling on the port side coming in, near Green "1". On Saturday morning, we will move the boats into the Oxford Town Creek and anchor closer to town. After relaxing aboard or walking around Oxford, we will most likely dinghy in (again) and have a nice supper at Latitude 38. Last year the parade of dinghies to the dinghy dock was really something to observe... On Sunday, most will weigh anchor and head for homeport. Last year's visit was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. I know Patty & I are looking forward to this year's voyage... If you are planning to attend, let Kate or Chris know...



Memorial Day Cruise.

The weather was dreadful on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th of May, so we left Solomons two days later than scheduled and decided not to travel to Onancock. From Monday on you could not have asked for better weather, and we maintained our schedule as published. Ken and Ellie on *Swan*, Curt and Dottie on *Serenity*, and Patty and Rich aboard *Reflections* enjoyed a night each at anchor in Mill Creek (Ingram

Bay), Great Wicomico River and Antipoison Creek, with cocktail parties aboard *Swan* the first night and *Serenity* the second.

The next day our early arrival in Urbanna at the new Town Marina (Diane, the Dock Master, greeted us and helped us tie up) was highlighted by Rich going to town and getting his well-liked hamburger at the drug store counter for lunch. We spent the afternoon strolling about town, peeking into the shops, and having an old fashion milkshake at the drug store soda fountain. The decision for where to have dinner was a slam dunk for the Virginia Street Café for Curt, as the special was soft shell crabs, his favorite. We all had hearty meals and went back to the Town Marina well satisfied.

The next morning we strolled about town once again as the stores begin opening on Thursdays at 1000 hours during the off season. After picking up a few treasures, we planned an early afternoon departure. Ken had a problem with his anemometer and Rich hauled him up *Swan's* mast in his bo'sun chair to remove the instrument. After lunch, the three boats departed Urbanna for Carter Creek, a short distance across the Rappahannock. Ken & Ellie tacked back and forth across the river while Patty & Rich motored and fished. We arrived in our anchorage, just past the gas dock and behind the Tides Inn, in the early afternoon. (Take note of the dummy crab pot floats; as long as you stay outside of them, there is plenty of water.) We spent a cozy night anchored

in Carter Creek; there are plenty of unencrypted wireless signals available to check e-mails and the NOAA weather forecast in this anchorage. The next day we departed fairly early to travel to the Indian River Yacht and Country Club where we were joined by Curt and Judy on *Decoy*. They were coming to join the cruise from a couple of days in Onancock. We enjoyed a friendly welcome after helping them tie up to the tee dock, had another delightful dinner in the club restaurant, and a pleasant night tied up to the club docks.

Reflections briefly ran aground coming in to the docks, as did *Serenity* (!), on Friday since the shoal area is quite close to the docks on the west side. Curt, Curt & Rich man handled *Swan* into the end slip on the west side on Friday afternoon and man handled her out on Saturday morning because of the winds and the current. Ken did a commendable job getting her out on Saturday morning without going aground on the near shoal.

On Saturday, with the cruise winding down, *Reflections* broke off for a night of frivolity with the Catalina 34 Fleet 12 raft-up in Mill Creek (Ingram Bay), Great Wicomico River. Resisting the temptation to crash the party, the remaining three boats continued up the Potomac to the Coan River for a raft-up cocktail party on *Swan* and another pleasant night at anchor.

The three boats had a late start and a leisurely sail across the Potomac River to Jutland Creek, off Smith Creek, for the last night of the cruise. Bill and Judy Robinson aboard their Catalina 380

Wind Stalker (brand new SMSA members) joined us for the night, and *Reflections* rejoined the group. We all had anchored independently, so Curt Larson installed his outboard engine on his dinghy and ferried everyone to *Reflections* for the happy hour. *Reflections* dinghy motor had apparently succumbed to the ethanol 10 curse... A little later former SMSA members Ron and Kris Hoyle in their new Hunter, *Nimue*, arrived and joined us for appetizers and adult beverages.

The weather continued to cooperate as we returned to Solomons on Monday. We were able to sail from the PRFB-C marker all the way past Cedar Point. Not too much wind but enough to enjoy a leisurely sail north.

All told we had a very pleasant cruise. Rich Freeman took a lot of pictures and we even got in quite a bit of sailing along the way. After the first couple of days in Solomons, it was a great week on the water.

THANK YOU
ZAHNISER'S MARINA!

And thank you to Terry and Glenn Walters for hosting a wonderful Luau after the Women's Series. Thank you Sharky at Zahniser's for the excellent grilled meat during the Luau. The food was terrific, the crowd was thirsty, the drinks were fruity, the music was right on, the decorations were fun and wow, were the weather ever so terrific! Thank you also volunteers for setting up. How can we repeat that next year?

Northern Bay Cruise.

May 16 Departed Solomons for the South River

Saturday: Anchored in Harness Creek
Carpincho, Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Walkabout, Sabena

May 17 Departed Harness Creek/South River for Baltimore/Fells Point

Sunday: Made it to Annapolis
Carpincho, Noon, Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Walkabout

Made it to the Magothy River: *Sabena*



Raft in mill creek

May 18 Departed Annapolis/ Wye River
Monday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Walkabout*

Departed Magothy River/Baltimore/Fells Point: *Sabena*

Lay Day in Annapolis: *Carpincho*

May 19: Departed the Wye River to anchorage in St Michaels

Tuesday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around*

Depart Baltimore/Fells Point for St Michaels: *Sabena*

Departed Wye River for Baltimore: *Walkabout*

Departed Annapolis for St Michaels:
Carpincho



Supper at Indian Creek Yacht Club

May 20: Departed anchorage for St. Michaels Marina

Wednesday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Sabena*

Departed anchorage in St Michaels for Solomons: *Carpincho*

May 21 Departed St Michaels Marina for Oxford

Thursday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Sabena*

Departed Baltimore for Oxford anchorage in Town Creek: *Walkabout*

May 22 Lay day Oxford anchorage in Town Creek

Friday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Sabena, Walkabout, Crash Pad*

May 23: Depart Oxford for Hudson Creek

Saturday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Walkabout, Crash Pad*

Departed Oxford for Solomons: *Sabena*

May 24: Depart Hudson Creek for Solomons

Sunday: *Noon Somewhere, Sequoia, Twice Around, Walkabout, Crash Pad*



Swan tacking across the Rappahannock river

Waterfront Home and Charter Business for sale

Capt. John G. Bailey, long time member is moving and selling his home and charter business. Please visit his website and pass it along to anyone who may be interested in buying a beautiful waterfront home and/or a sailing charter business

Webpage: <http://www.baileywick.org>

SCREWPILE!

Dear members,

Want to spend 3 beautiful days on the water in July?

We have over 60+ volunteers signed up so far and rather than reach out to other clubs for this SMSA Main Event we would like to have our members join our Race Committee, both on the water and ashore.

We have spots 4 available on the North Course, 2 on the South Course and 2 on the West Course.

You do not have to be a racer to volunteer. We have 12 US Sailing Certified Race Officers helping us run this Chesapeake Event this year and they are all willing to share their expertise

The Weekend Navigator

A Coastal Navigation Course

This fall, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Solomons Flotilla 23-2, in conjunction with SMSA, will be offering *The Weekend Navigator*, a comprehensive twelve-session coastal navigation course.

Dates: Monday and Wednesday evenings
Sept 16 – October 28 (no class October 12th)

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: SMSA clubhouse

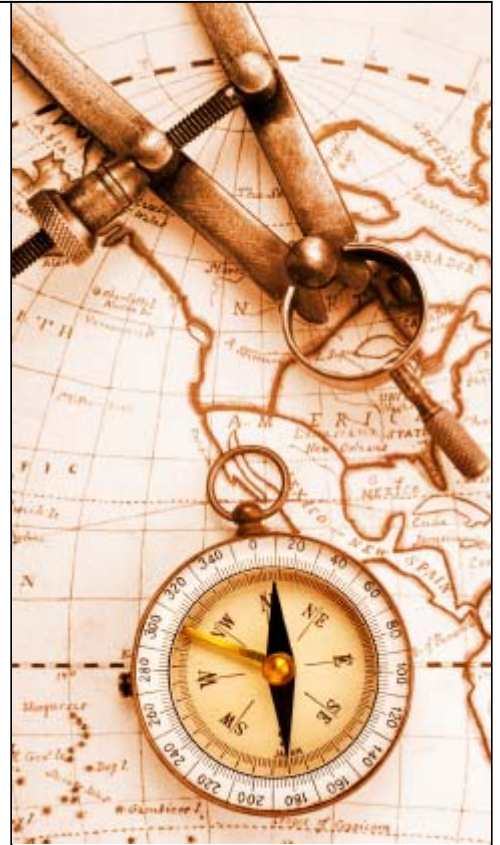
Fee: \$75; includes textbook and practice navigation materials

Pre-registration is required and class size is limited.

To register, contact

Gary Smith: fsope.232@hotmail.com or

Kristi Yurko: training@smsa.com



with you, We want you to have fun and enjoy the experience. We offer no money... but very good polo race committee shirts, lunch and beverages, and complimentary Mount Gay Rum drinks and Anheuser-Busch (Bud beers) both are major sponsors. Can't spend 3 days on the water but would like to help with our shore side activities, we need bartenders, ticket sellers, ID checkers, Ice men etc. Friday the 17th we need help is setting up the tents, the pros (Top Hat Party Rentals) do the hard part, we put up the sponsor banners, erect a flag pole, and put up the scoreboards etc. Take the supplies from storage to both the Calvert Museum and the Holiday Inn.

Remember all members of SMSA are welcomed to the nightly parties whether you can volunteer or not. Believe me I understand prior commitments.

Please feel free to email or call me at
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Looking forward to hearing from you
and thank you for your time,

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Lightning Dixie Districts Recap

Last month SMSA was proud to host the Lightning Class Dixie District Regatta. The regatta brought over 20 boats to SMSA to sail for two consecutive days of high intensity one-design sailing. The first day of the regatta was a grueling light air race with boats trying their skills and their patience. Fortunate for the competitors Sunday brought brisk winds and exciting conditions. The event was won by Allan Terhune and attended by Lightnings helmed by SMSA members David Meiser, Sam Septembre, and Don Behrens. David Meiser organized the event and a large crew of dedicated volunteers worked to make everything run smoothly from beginning to end. Dave and all the volunteers behind the scenes made this event yet another success that shows off the talents of this club to our other regional sailors.



Road Trip Report: Buccaneer North American Championships

Jimmy Yurko

With SMSA slated to host the Buccaneer 18 Class North American Championships (BNAC) next June, it was hard to pass up the opportunity to attend the 2009 BNAC regatta in San Diego....Ok, perhaps it was the 70 degree air, and constant 8 knot sea breeze that filled in every day like clockwork. That was too good to pass up.

As many of you have noted I regularly like to comment about the ease and fun of traveling with a small boat. This event was no different. The trip was attended by wife Kristi, Brian O'Hara and his crew Dawn Hartwell. With our boats packed up, two boats, stacked on top of each other, we hit the road around 1:00am June 17th the four of us in the minivan for our cross country trip.

Along the way we stopped in New Mexico to camp, and took a short detour to see the Grand Canyon, and still managed to get to Palm Springs California for a pit stop by 1:00 am Saturday morning. This left plenty of time to relax and soak up some desert sun before finishing up the final 2 ½ hour drive to San Diego on Sunday.

The regatta was hosted by Mission Bay Yacht Club who has an absolutely beautiful site on Mission Bay and is home to dozens of one design classes as well as countless cruising sailors. The Club began its junior camps on Monday which was pretty interesting since they

look much like our camps...but instead of Optis they sail a peculiar locally designed boat, the Naples Sabot. The Sabot is a unique enough design to be worth looking up on the web. This leeboard having, cat rigged eight foot pram is sailed and raced by sailors of all ages.

And onto the regatta... This year's BNAC was attended by 27 teams divided into two fleets, A and B. The A fleet (15 boats) is the championship fleet, and is comprised of all the teams who are genuinely trying for a class championship...or have been kicked out of the B fleet.(12 boats) (and a few of us who just don't know which fleet to join!). The B-Fleet is the "fun fleet" these sailors while competitively racing are usually the sailors heard laughing across the water as the race goes on. This fleet is meant to recognize and encourage participation by the up and coming sailors in the class which is most notably demonstrated by the annual "Banishing" of the winner. Once you have won the B fleet, you are never allowed to return! You're stuck in A-Fleet forever.

Neither fleet was lacking competition, the B-Fleet had several accomplished sailors trying to be thrown out, and the A



2 boats in tow...doesn't matter where we're going

fleet had three previous champions, as well as several of last season's runners-up, all contending to put their name back on the class trophy.

The top honors went to the defending Champions David Spira of Colorado and his crew Dennis Martinelli of Arizona (yes Arizona!). The newly banished B-Fleet champ was Rob Gibbs and his crew Patrick Edwards, both of Arizona.

As you know there's much more to the story but if you want it you'll need to grab Kristi, Brian or myself to hear the rest. The full results are posted on the BNAC 2009 website:

<http://www.bnac2009.com/>

Next year it is SMSA's turn...There be Pirates commin' to Solomons Isle!

ARRRRRRRRRGGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a story to tell...something nautical to sell? Looking for crew?

Please provide your Clew submissions to clew@smsa.com

Be sure to pass your Clew along to your friends & crew.