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August			
Sat	8	-Geezer Squeezer Regatta -Crab Feast -2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	

September			
Wed	2	Race	6:30
Thurs	3	Small Boat Race	6:30
Fri	4	Fri Social	5-8:00
Thurs	10	Small Boat Race	6:30
Fri	11	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sat	12	Second Saturday Cruisers Raft	
Mon	14	BOD Meeting	
Tues	15	Clew Input Due	
Fri	18	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sat/Sun	19-20	Small Boat Invitational	
Fri	25	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sun	27	Fall Race Series	

We've Got Crabs!

**CRAB FEAST!**  
Don't miss it

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Old guys & gals squeezing into little (very little) boats @ 10:00, Feast on Crabs @ 4:00 at the clubhouse

What could be better?

Annapolis Cruise  
August 7 – 9, 2009

We plan to get started on Friday morning between 8 and 9 AM to head north to Whitehall Bay, just south of the Bay Bridge. From there we will have an easy run into Annapolis on Saturday morning to pick up a mooring buoy. We plan to get together for dinner and then off to the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater for the evening to see the musical “*Copacabana*”. If you have not yet made your reservation, call the theater at 410-268-9212. You can get additional information at their website: [www.summergarden.com](http://www.summergarden.com). Tickets must be picked up before 8:00 pm and the show begins at 8:30 pm. (If you can't make it to the cruise, consider driving to Annapolis and joining us for dinner and the show.) We are scheduled to return to Solomons on Sunday. However, if the weather is promising, *Calypso* may opt to continue cruising for a couple of additional days. Anyone interested in joining us? Please let us know if you plan to do the cruise with us. We are looking forward to a fun weekend.

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SCOTT KIRBY CONCERT AT  
CLUBHOUSE!  
ONLY WEEKS/DAYS AWAY!

If you haven't gotten your Scott Kirby tickets yet, get them now! Members get \$5 OFF the regular price for admission, PLUS \$6 in drink tickets to use at the SMSA bar.

Scott Kirby is a singer/songwriter whose music is often heard on Sirius Radio's *Radio Margaritaville* and on *Sandbar Radio*. Boats, harbors and beaches are Scott's main topics, and he weaves stories about his and his friends experiences on the between songs.

When not touring the eastern half of the country, Scott and his wife split their time between Key West and New Hampshire.

Appearing with Scott will be guitarist Dave Edmisten.

SMSA members get tickets for \$15, guests are \$20. Don't forget, members receive \$6 in drink tickets when they enter. Tickets are available from Herb Reese, Tim Flaherty and Lisa Flaherty. Write to [ScottatSMSA@gmail.com](mailto:ScottatSMSA@gmail.com) or call 301-481-7474.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course  
Nov 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

Radar Course  
Dec 2, 7, 9, 16, 21

GPS for Mariners  
Jan 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25



Scott Kirby...Tickets Available Now!  
call 301-481-7474.

## **August Cruising.**

### **FIVE EVENTS IN AUGUST**

The SMSA cruising community has five, count 'em, five cruises planned for August. Two are scheduled for the 8, 9 August week-end; one to Cuckold Creek and back (a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday cruise) and the other to Annapolis Harbor with Frank & Rita. At this time, the Cuckold Creek cruise looks doubtful since no one has stepped up to volunteer as cruise leader. But the Annapolis Harbor cruise is definitely on, dinner out and the show at the Garden Theater (*Copacabana*). See their article in this edition of the CLEW. Let them know if you plan to accompany them on this cruise.

The next opportunity is the SMSA-HHSA Race/Cruise on 15, 16 August sponsored by Donna Maneely and Les Griffith aboard *Lickety Split*. They will provide more information to the SMSA

community prior to the race. Let Donna & Les know if you plan to participate, either racing or cruising.

Next comes the Mixed Couples Cruise/Race to Battle Creek on 22 & 23 August sponsored by Frank & Rita aboard their boat *Calypso*. See their article in this edition of the CLEW for more detailed information on this event.

The final cruise of the month is across the Bay to the Honga River with Curt & Judy Larsen aboard *Decoy* on 29 & 30 August. They will provide additional information as the cruise dates comes nearer.

Arrrrr, need my Rock Lobster Ad in there!

1982 Capri 30 "Rock Lobster" - \$7400 obo

This is Catalina Capri 30 #11. The boat is ready to sail, with a good motor and newer sail inventory. It is currently hauled out of the water at West Basin Marina on the Patuxent River with sails and cushions stored indoors. The boat is a great platform for the Chesapeake Bay with plenty of room for 8 crew to sail on comfortably. Rates 111 (PHRF) on the Chesapeake Bay. I can no longer afford to maintain two sailboats, so this one must go. More details, inventory, and photos on my website. Local buyers only please, boat has no cradle or trailer.

<http://www.tqci.net/~jkriz/Capri30.html>

If interested, contact John Kriz at [jkriz@md.metrocast.net](mailto:jkriz@md.metrocast.net) or 301-997-1013

## Summer Sailstice Cruise.

The weather forecast on Friday, 19 June, was bleak so Patty & I decided not to leave for Hudson Creek until Saturday. I got up early on Saturday and checked my weather sources. I also checked the NOAA radars, as far out as Tennessee, and there didn't appear to be anything real stinky on the horizon so we departed Solomons at 0700 hours, with what little wind there was on our nose. We motored all the way to Hudson Creek, arriving at 1230 hours, so we could beat the next batch of rain. We just finished putting the anchor down when the rain began, but only lasted about an hour. We were the only boat in the creek until Dennis & Carolyn aboard *Safina* arrived. They anchored away and came over for happy hour in their dinghy. As it turned out, the evening was pleasant and the night star filled and clear. I was disappointed more folks didn't come because the weather in Hudson Creek was very nice and the trip north wasn't too bad.



Rich sailing *Reflections* south to Solomons.

## Delaware City Cruise.

We began the Delaware City Cruise from Hudson Creek on Sunday, leaving

about 0630 hours, with the wind (to 25 knots) on the nose and 2 to 4 foot seas, heading for St. Michaels. We were in our foul weather gear all the way and were wearing our inflatable life jackets, too. Once we made it to the Eastern Bay, the weather settled down but it still was nine hours to St. Michaels. We took on fuel at the St. Michaels' Marina and anchored off the creek across from the Maritime Museum. A couple of the other boats that were to accompany us called and cancelled because of the weather. Again, the weather cleared and Patty & I got the dinghy out and went to the Crab Claw for a nice Father's Day supper. Later in the evening, Dennis & Carolyn surprised us by showing up in their dinghy. They decided to travel to St. Michaels and anchored in the basin behind the Museum.

We decided not to use a weather day in St. Michaels and left for Whitehall Bay on Monday morning. Dennis & Carolyn decided to stay another day and Rod & Pat aboard *Ruste Nayle* were coming from Dunn Cove to join them. The wind was blowing a nice 10 to 12 knots out of the Miles River at Red 4 and we hoisted the headsail and began sailing. The wind in the Bay was a steady 6 to 7 knots from the North and we sailed all the way to the Naval Academy. The sky was partly cloudy but the sailing was great, and not too crowded at the Severn River entrance. We anchored in Whitehall Bay around 1630 hours. Curt & Dottie Hamilton called and said they were weathered in on the Potomac but would be joining us in Still Pond. It was another beautiful starry night on the water. One thing we learned there is to follow the Crab Line in to Whitehall Bay; saves time and trouble of avoiding

# 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 12<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: SMSA clubhouse

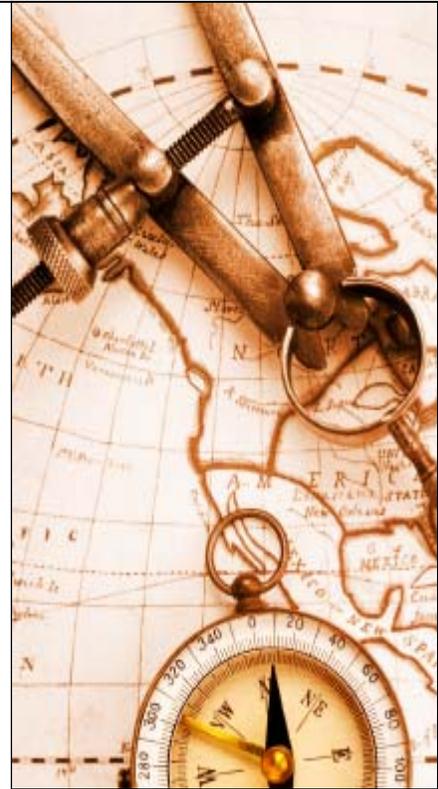
Fee: \$75; includes textbook and practice navigation materials  
(\$70 for SMSA members)

Pre-registration is required and class size is limited.

To register, contact

Gary Smith: [fsope.232@hotmail.com](mailto:fsope.232@hotmail.com) or

Kristi Yurko: [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com)



all the crab floats, seemingly everywhere.

We left Tuesday morning around 0830 hours, motoring to Still Pond. Wind was still out of the North 8 to 10 knots. The water was a little rough between the bridge and Rock Hall. We took a detour to Worten Creek Marina for fuel, ice, water, pump out and, most importantly, ice cream. This is a very nice marina to stop and shop. We thought about anchoring in Worten Creek (there was plenty of room) but continued on to Still Pond. We arrived around 1530 hours and anchored close to the Northeast shore, between Red 2 and the shore. Patty took the kayak and went back to the Coast Guard Station to check the creek out; too shallow for us to try at a future date. We

talked to Serenity and they were in Whitehall Bay, headed our direction.

We left Still Pond about 0830 hours and headed out in the Bay towards the Sassafras River. Again, winds from the North at 7 to 10 knots. But as we turned into the river, we were able to hoist the headsail and reach up the river to the first marker, and then we motored the rest of the way. The ride up the river was smooth, with nice scenery along the way. Georgetown Yacht Basin is at the end of the river before the draw bridge. It is a very nice full service facility that we will probably visit again. After washing all that salt off *Reflections*, and a nice hot shower, we had a nice supper at the Kitty Knight House historic inn and restaurant at the top of the hill. It was a nice quiet evening with clear skies and good weather.

We kept the scheduled lay day at the GYB. We borrowed a couple of marina bikes and went in to Galina to the grocery. Along the way we found a couple of appealing gift shops, a terrific hardware store (Rich bought some ammunition) and two interesting antique shops. After stocking our larder from the grocery, we relaxed the rest of the day, reading and napping. That evening we took the water taxi, courtesy of the marina, over to the Granary for supper. The food was good but we like the fare at the Kitty Knight House more. We had an after-supper Kilby's ice cream at the Harbor View Ice Cream house, adjacent to the swimming pool at the top of the hill. It's quite a walk but well worth it. Received a call from Curt & Dottye; they didn't stop at Still Pond and were already in Chesapeake City. *Serenity* was experience engine problems and Curt made arrangements in Delaware City to have the motor serviced.

Unbeknownst to us when we planned the cruise, this was Canal Days week-end. Chesapeake City was filled with power boats – and the Coast Guard – and a single sailboat the previous night. And there were quite a few go fast boats transiting the canal. We arrived at the Delaware City Marina around 1330 hours and berthed right behind *Serenity*. We cleaned up and went to Crabby Dicks, overlooking Pea Patch Island, for supper. After we returned to the boats, Patty & Dottye were aboard *Serenity* (in the air conditioning) while Curt & Rich were checking the weather and tides on Rich's computer up by the marina building. Suddenly, a 'mermaid' came out of the water onto *Serenity* wearing nothing but her underwear! Dottye gave her a towel and she headed down the dock, up the gangplank and out of the marina. She asked Curt if he had seen the police. We answered they were down the street, and off she went. Strange, but true!



Patty at Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island, Delaware Bay



Curt & Dottye, Rich & Patty at Crabby Dick's Restaurant, Delaware City

We departed GYB at 0630 hours so we could catch the flood tide going through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. Timed it pretty well; we cruised through the canal doing 9.1 knots at 1200 RPM.

We went to tour Pea Patch Island on Saturday, the purpose of the cruise. We took the first tour boat over and spent about four hours, or so, touring Fort Delaware and island. We had a very informative session when we arrived at

the Sally Port. We participated in the Herons & History Walk of the fort, led by a very knowledgeable docent and stuck around for the musketry demonstration in the early afternoon. This fort was the first facility in the War of Northern Aggression to have indoor plumbing! Touring this facility made the trip worthwhile. When we returned from the island, we had an ice cream in a contemporary ice cream shop near the tour boat dock. We ate supper at Crabby Dicks, again, and had another wonderful meal.

We departed Delaware City Marina at 0515 hours to catch the ebb tide at Reedy Point, the entrance to the canal. We timed it well and were past Chesapeake City before the power boaters were up and breaking their rafts. Because of the motor problems *Serenity* was experiencing, we decided to make Whitehall Bay on Sunday and Solomons on Monday. There wasn't too much wind until we reached Rock Hall and then we were able to sail to Whitehall Bay. We anchored in Mill Creek, off Whitehall Bay, near Cantler's restaurant. It is a much protected anchorage with plenty of water. We had happy hour aboard *Serenity* and a practically still evening.



We departed Monday morning early and headed for home port. There was some wind and we were able to sail from

Annapolis to Drum Point. Curt & Dottie, having a faster boat, left us in their wake. They made it back about an hour ahead of us. We arrived at Spring Cove around 1530 hours and began cleaning the boat. It was an interesting cruise with a great deal of motoring, but, when we sailed the sailing was great.



#### MIXED COUPLES RACE/CRUISE August 22-23, 2009

This informal race/cruise to Battle Creek is always a popular event and is followed by a very sociable raft-up in Battle Creek with great snacks and SMSA camaraderie. The race starting window is between 10:00 and 10:30 AM in the river at Red #6A off Sandy Point. Complete sailing instructions can be found on the SMSA website. On the Racing page, click on the Race Circular link at the top of the screen and go to page 38 of the circular. If you don't care to participate in the race, join us at your leisure in beautiful Battle Creek for the raft up and an evening at anchor. If enough participants are interested, there may be a "pursuit" race back to Solomons on Sunday followed by a mini rendezvous at Zahniser's Pool after the race. (See Race Circular.) If you wish

to participate, but do not have a PHRF rating, please contact us well in advance and we'll see what we can do to provide you with a provisional rating for the weekend. If you have any questions, please send us an email or give us a call. Look forward to seeing you there.

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**AARRRGHHH We Havin' Fun Yet Mateys?**