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Southern Maryland Sailing Association
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Mon	8	BOD Meeting	7:00
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MEMBERSHIP

Please help me welcome our newest batch of club members! The Board of Directors approved the following membership applications in November:

Larry Logan. Larry is a former member, previously sponsored by Walt Rupp. Larry and his wife, Carol, own a Catalina 38 named *Surprise*, which is moored in Solomons Landing. Larry and Carol have indicated an interest in several of our programs, including racing, cruising, junior, social and membership.

Larry Selvage. Larry owns an Ericson 35 named *Lady J*, which is moored at Calvert Marina. Larry was sponsored by Gary Shaw and has indicated an interest in racing, cruising, social, training and education, membership, junior, and facilities.

Bill Kozel. Bill owns a Lightning named *String Theory*, currently kept at DC Marina, although he plans to move it to Solomons this year. Bill was sponsored by Kristi Yurko and has indicated an interest in racing, cruising, social, facilities and membership.

Laura Comeau-Stanley, Membership Chair

COVER ART DESIRED FOR 2010 YEARBOOK

Do you have a drawing, painting or really cool picture you'd like to submit for consideration in the 2010 SMSA Yearbook? We are looking for the cover that everyone will love! If you have something you'd like to submit, contact Tim Flaherty at timfmsa@yahoo.com or call 301-481-7474.

Tim Flaherty Metrocast Channel 10 St. Mary's county, MD 301-373-5409

The Commodores Dinner

February 18th is the next Commodore's Dinner. The theme is Caribbean food. But the theme is also Crew Night! This is an opportunity to invite anyone you know who is interested in sailing to talk with other sailors and get signed up to crew sometime during the year. All boat owners talk about the difficulty of having enough crew. Here is the

Thursday, February

18

Doors Open at
6:00

opportunity to add to that list. Some boats don't do middle distance or long distance races, but have very experienced crew members who want to sail. This is also an opportunity to see each other during our Winter Doldrum period. What else do you have to do?

TAM

Certification Class

Want to assist SMSA Friday Night Social Volunteers? Attend a one-day course on February 20th 2010 to become TAM Certified. Sign up by sending your name to training@smsa.com. If at least 10 members sign up, the class will be held at the SMSA clubhouse.

Training

February 6th

Racing Rules

1:30 pm

At the clubhouse,

Just show up!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING CLEANUP DAY:

Bring your rakes, loppers and hand clippers to help with the Clubhouse and Ground Cleanup Day on Saturday, March 27. Be at the clubhouse by 10am and a list of tasks will be available for you to help us get ready for Opening Day and the new sailing season.

Do you have a tale to tell?

Submit your sailing stories for entry into the clew. (honesty optional) Just send your story to clew@smsa.com

Share your pictures & stories with all...

Summer Camps Update

We're planning a full season of summer Jr. camps as well as intro programs for children, teens and adults. Please contact Junior@SMSA if you, or someone you know is interested in participate in some sail training this summer.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again! By now you should have received your 2010 Membership Renewal mailing. As a reminder, payments are due on or before **February 20, 2010**. If you plan to race your boat in our Big or Small Boat program, please be sure to include your race fees and race entry forms with your remittance. To ensure that your information is included and accurate in the yearbook, please be sure to make any

necessary changes on your renewal form. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email at membership@smsa.com.

Thank you,
Laura Comeau-Stanley
Membership Chair

RACE: GETTING READY FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

February is the time to clean up the marks and get them into the water at the end of the month. I have a list of volunteers to help, but if you did not, email race@smsa.com. Painting them with bottom paint is a requirement to help keep them floating tall. E-mark is in need of repair and I need to have that done since my welding skills don't exist. If you know of where I can get some inexpensive chain, I would appreciate the connection.

Thanks, Joy Dorethy, Race Governor



One last systems check before Sunset

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Sunday, March 7, 2010

9 am - 5 pm


Instructor: David Dellenbaugh

Pricing:

Skipper - \$115

Each additional crew - \$85

Lunch - \$10 per person

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Visit www.northu.com for the latest schedule updates. 1-day TRIM seminar covers boatspeed *and* boathandling...upwind in the morning and downwind in afternoon. *Bring your crew!*

North U Annapolis Racing Trim Seminar Invitation

David Dellenbaugh, winning Americas Cup tactician and the author of Speed & Smarts and Learn the Racing Rules, will be the instructor. For further information or to register for the seminar, please:

visit: www.northu.northsails.com

or contact: Fran@northu.northsails.com

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Indicate Code either under "Comments" on line, or when you call in.



Is winter over yet?

HELP WANTED!

SMSA Race Committee Boat is in need of interested individuals to clean and wax the hull while the boat is hauled out. Work can be performed only on weekdays. This boat work needs to be completed before launching March 1. Those interested should contact the Boat Captain at 301-481-0802.

There is other maintenance that the RC Boat needs that can be performed on weekends for those persons that can only help out on weekends. Please consider giving some of your time to keep this club asset in great condition.

John McKinney

Race Committee Seminars

Fri, 12 Feb - 7:00

**Anchoring the Race Committee Boat /
Setting a Square Line**

Fri, 26 Feb - 7:00

**Starting & Finishing Races / Scoring
the Race**

Fri, 05 Mar - 7:00

**Race Committee Options / Things That
Cannot Be Changed**

Fri, 19 Mar - 7:00

Advanced Race Committee

YEARBOOK SEEKING PICTURES

It's time to forward the pictures you took during the 2009 sailing season to the yearbook editor so they may be included in the 2010 edition. Anything to do with SMSA events or SMSA members: sailing, events at the clubhouse, cruises, etc, are desired. Mailing a CD with your pictures in a jpeg format works best, although pictures can be emailed as long as the files are not too big.

Mail your CD's to: Tim Flaherty, PO Box 284, Solomons, MD 20688. Email your pictures to: timfmsmsa@yahoo.com. THESE ARE NEEDED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20TH for inclusion!

KEY LARGO....LOWER LATITUDE, HIGHER TEMPERATURES!

For most folks the idea of sitting in a crowded mini-van, for 19 hours, eating truck stop food, and watching tired DVD's doesn't sound like much fun, and I would have to agree. But for me, that is just a small price to pay for escaping the cold of winter, and getting away for 3 days to sail and race in the warm air and water of the Florida Keys. Upper Keys Sailing club again invited us to race for the three days preceding the MLK holiday, and the trip was nearly perfect. We arrived shortly after noon on Friday, un-stacked our boats, and were racing by 3:00. Friday's winds were over ten knots, and turned out to be the lightest of the weekend. Ten boats raced in Friday's race around Porjoe Key, a 7 mile race, long by Bucc Stan-

dards, we placed 2nd, pretty good considering the competition.

Saturday's winds were sustained around 20 knots, with a more than a few stronger gusts...one of which we caught before the start of the races for the day...causing an exciting capsized under spinnaker...it

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gave us plenty of opportunity to practice our recovery skills, which would prove to come in handy later in the regatta. There were three races Saturday, we improved in each race, Our first race started off well, we were 2nd rounding the first mark, but a fouled spinnaker as a result of our pre-race capsized, kept us from staying with the leaders, and dropped us to 7th. During the 2nd race we were holding a tight 4th, when the two leaders were caught by a rogue puff, and capsized. We managed to keep our boat upright, and in so doing scored a 2nd. Our third race was the most exciting, and probably in the strongest winds of the day, had us on the longest sustained plane I had ever experienced. On the last run I could feel the entire hull cavitating beneath my feet, and the centerboard just hummed. We

were first in the race by nearly a minute. Unfortunately upon crossing the finish line we were called OCS on the start, awarding us 12 points instead of 1...not good.

Sunday started off about the same as Saturday, with a capsized in the first race, we were on the way to the last leeward mark, competing for 3rd place, when we lost control and went over. We managed a fast recovery, coming up with our spinnaker drawing, and speed into the last mark...we managed to pass two boats before the finish, scoring a 7th. We finished the regatta with a bullet in the final race, passing the leaders, on the last beat with a three boat overlap on the finish line. Eighteen and a half hours each way, three days of racing, absolutely worth it!

Jimmy Yurko

BUCCANEER 18 FOR SALE

2007 Buccaneer 18

Navy Blue, shiny, nice boat, very fast. Sealed hull very good condition boat.

I raced this boat all last season, and it is a VERY good boat. I would like to sell it locally, have a new one on order.

\$11,000...

Includes Trailer, Sails...turn-key operation, add water, go fast, have fun

Bucc NA's are here this summer...are you ready?

Contact Jimmy: 240-434-1312



One of Florida's vicious man-eating sharks...capsized hazards!