

Join us for a night of intrigue at SMSA's Murder Mystery Event

# "Sailing Can Be Murder"

SMSA Clubhouse, 14490 Solomons Island Road, Solomons, MD 20688



**Saturday, February 18, 2012**  
Doors Open: 6pm  
Mystery & Captain's Tapas Reception: 7pm  
Cocktail Attire Recommended  
Advance Reservations Required by February 10th  
Cost: \$25pp  
Reserve any Friday @ Happy Hour  
or via credit card via [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com)

The scenario: We gather at the SMSA clubhouse for tapas and drinks, a night of festivities with friends. But things will go very wrong. Someone will come stumbling into the party and die! Suddenly the place will be a crime scene & no one will be permitted to leave until they catch a killer. There will be a number of people at the party who are suspects and one of them is a murderer. The question for each guest is... whodunnit?  
Join us as we search for clues, interrogate suspects and solve whodunnit.

Volunteer to be a suspect! Email [Hannah.Bulyenko@gmail.com](mailto:Hannah.Bulyenko@gmail.com).

## Yearbook Photos Needed!

Please send 2011 SMSA photos to:

webmaster@smsa.com    01'    Attn: Yearbook Editor  
P.O. Box 262  
Solomons, MD 20688

Do you have an idea for the Clew or want to sell something? Please send words and pictures to [clew@smsa.com](mailto:clew@smsa.com). Questions? Call Norm Dawley 410-326-5147. The Clew is published the first of each month. Submission deadline is the 15th of the month. The Clew is edited by Ellen Aulson, Rona Bayer, Jolie Homsher and Kristi Yurko.

### Commodore's Corner

## Welcome 2012!

It is a great feeling to be writing this column. I've written many articles for this newsletter in the past; but it is a very different feeling to be writing a Commodore's column. I am ecstatic to be able to serve as Commodore for 2012 and am confident in the team of volunteers who will be working to continue to make SMSA the place to be in Southern Maryland.

We have great things planned for 2012. For starters you've undoubtedly noticed that we've reduced membership dues. This is feasible in no small part due to the increased activity and participation in our club events throughout the last quarter of 2011.

We intend to continue the trend of high energy by hosting more great events like our shows and concerts. The upcoming "Murder Mystery Night" will surely be a blast. All of the activities we will be hosting throughout the winter are intended to be guest friendly, so bring as many friends as you like and show them what SMSA is all about.

Thank you, goodbye, and welcome to the board

On January 9th the new board took the helm. It was a jittery night for me...my pulse raced as I was welcomed to the board and the meeting began. In this meeting we thanked Rod Schroeder for his service as Director; Joe Kubinec, our member of the year, for his service as Treasurer; and of course my predecessor Clarke McKinney who turned over a very finely tuned ship. Clarke and his team's leadership provided us with many of the tools for continued success and showed growth in both on-the-water and off-the-water programs. We

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# Annual Renewals Made Easy

New for this year, members have the option of renewing their membership and paying for dues, racing fees and dinghy storage fees online using online forms and/or online payment via credit card. Only two items are required for renewal:

- A) the form, and
- B) the payment

**A)** Each member has been mailed the traditional renewal form. Please review it carefully. Then, update and make any necessary corrections to the form in one of two ways:

- 1. on the paper renewal form and mail it to the Membership Chair.
- 2. online \*

**B)** Your dues payment can be made any of three ways:

- 1. Dropped off at the clubhouse
- 2. Mailed to the Membership Chair at 330 Deer Drive, Lusby, MD 20657
- 3. online \*

\* In order to fill out the online membership renewal form or pay online, go to [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com) and click on 'Membership' (top left), then click on the button for membership renewals. Fill out the form data and click 'Submit form' – this will submit your data to the Membership Chair and re-direct you to the credit card processing page. If submitting your form via mail and only paying online, you can click on the link just below the page title to go directly to the credit card processing page. Simply select the items you wish to purchase (membership type, race fees, storage fees, etc), click 'Calculate Total' to see the amount, and once satisfied with your selections, click on the Paypal button to checkout and complete your payment.

Questions? Contact Ellen Aulson at [membership@smsa.com](mailto:membership@smsa.com). or call 443.975.2136.

## Superbowl Party!

**Date: Sunday, Feb 5th**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

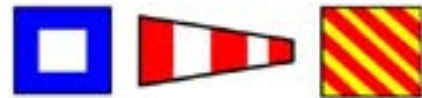
Bring your favorite snack to share as we cheer (or jeer) for your team. For those who aren't avid fans, we will have air hockey, ping pong, darts, and other games to play along with food and drink aplenty!

Send questions to [kristi.yurko@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.yurko@gmail.com).



### Race Management Seminar

February 11th, Noon  
SMSA Clubhouse



Focused on race committee training.

Topics include: Anchoring the Race

Committee (RC) Boat; Setting a Square Starting Line; Starting and Finishing Races; Scoring the Race; What RC can and cannot change; and More!

Want to decipher what those flags are on the race course? Don't know how to set a square starting line? Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) with questions.

### Maryland Boater's Safety Class

February 25th and 26th, 1-5pm (4 hours each day)  
SMSA Clubhouse

14490 Solomons Island Road

\$20 course fee. All proceeds will benefit the SMSA Junior Program.



Maryland law requires that anyone born on or after July 1, 1972 possess a certificate of boating safety education in order to operate any motorized vessel. This certificate is good for life. Students must attend all classroom sessions and achieve a score of 80% on the exam to pass. The exam will be administered following the second session. Certificates will be issued upon successful completion.

Contact Guy Barbato to register for the course: [gjb172@gmail.com](mailto:gjb172@gmail.com)

### Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar

February 26th, 5:30pm  
SMSA Clubhouse



Focused on The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012.

Topics include: Mark Roundings, What to do when boats meet on the course, Starting Rules, Finishing Rules, and Protest Hearings.

Have a rules question? Don't understand a situation you've been in on the race course? Bring the scenario and we'll figure it out together. Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) with questions.

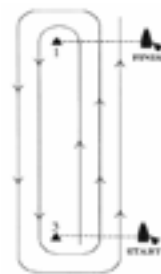
### Introduction to Racing

March 10th, 10am-Noon  
SMSA clubhouse

Curious about racing? Want to introduce new sailors to racing? Come join us as we discuss the basics of sailboat racing. How do you find races? What to do when you get to the course? How to start? What are the basic racing rules?

Let us help you make sense of the chaos and get you involved in the fun!

Meet other local sailors interested in racing.



Don't own a boat but want to get involved in racing? Come join us! We can help you find a skipper looking for crew!

Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) with questions

### First Aid and CPR Class

March 31st, 10am-5pm  
SMSA clubhouse

14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)

Cost: \$60/person, includes Book and Certification Card



In this 6 hour instruction you will learn to administer CPR and to handle breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants. Upon course completion, you will earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute (ASHI).

SPACES ARE LIMITED. Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) to register!



## Commodore's Corner (continued)

welcomed back Robert "Smitty" Smith now as a Director and Roger Bayer as Treasurer. The full slate of SMSA BOD members and program chairs is available on the SMSA website on the "Club Info" page...complete with smiling photos!

### Exciting Events on the Horizon

Looking forward into 2012 we intend to continue many of our fine traditions with a few tweaks to keep it spicy...for example our Commodore's dinners have been moved to Friday nights. February will "Kick Off" with a Super Bowl party, Sunday the 5th at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite snack and cheer or jeer for your team. Ok...so none of our local teams made it, but it's a good enough excuse for a party!

Speaking of Commodore's Dinners, January's dinner was a success, with "New" dishes and recipes tempting everyone's palates... Eric & Lisa Smith's venison meatballs were a huge hit, and my veggie burgers were popular enough that they were gone before Kristi could get one! February's theme will be "Hot" as a bit of a paradox as we try to warm up from the midwinter chill. What's on the menu for March? How does a little Cajun sound?

### Welcome Back Members

Today we have 128 memberships in our SMSA family and we intend to see it grow. I would like to thank Ellen Aulson, Kristi Yurko, Jim & Barb Whited, Jolie Homsher and Jenn & Rob Miller for their support in getting the renewal letters sent out to all of you. This was my first year being involved with the process and if you haven't been there before, you would be surprised how big of a task it is. I believe I speak for all those involved when I say that we would love to welcome 150 members back in 2013. We can do it with your support. Watch closely as we continue to provide great value to you for supporting SMSA. SMSA is what is happening in Southern Maryland.

All of our Cruises, Dinners, Concerts, Races and other programs are possible thanks to you - the members. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to lead this great organization.

### Around the Clubhouse

Around the clubhouse you'll see some small changes to make things a little more comfortable and user friendly. Thanks to volunteers Mark Witte, John Smith and Kristi Yurko we have a new multimedia projector in the main room of the clubhouse. It is capable of being linked to your laptop for presentations or to the TV for watching events on the big screen. Thanks to Jim Whited for installing blinds in the front windows to aid with sun glare. Thanks to volunteers Mark Williams, Earl Reese, Robert Herbig, Dak Schneider, and John Herbig for helping remove the garage door in the bar and replace it with a wall. The front room is warmer already! As the winter slows down our sailing, it provides us with time to catch up on projects we put off before...spend even more time with our friends and family. Come by the clubhouse and check out some of the new and improved features.

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## New! Monthly Program Chair Meeting

There are two groups of members that manage SMSA: the Board of Directors (BOD) and the Program Chairs. The BOD consists of the officers and directors - the folks you elect each year. The Program Chairs, along with the officers and other volunteers, handle the day to day club operations.

Historically, there has been a single meeting for the BOD and program chairs. For 2012, the meetings are being split in order to make better use of folks time and to improve communication and co-ordination of the Chairs. The meeting for Program Chairs and other volunteers is the first Monday of the month. This is the time when we will work on the nuts & bolts of the day-to-day club activities. The BOD meeting will be on the second Monday of the month. BOD meetings are where we work on long range planning and goals for SMSA.

If you're interested in getting involved with the SMSA leadership team, or just want to see how everything works behind the scenes, come by the clubhouse. All club members are invited to attend either meeting. Meetings start at 7:00pm.



New SMSA Chair Hannah Schneider

## Port Events Chair Added

In a very short time, Port Events has become important to SMSA for three reasons: Port Events are great shows/parties. Everybody that has attended Ocktoberfest and the Comedy Show agrees that they were great fun and good value. Most are looking forward to "Sailing Can Be Murder" on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Port Events have contributed to the affordability of the club via both ticket sales and bar revenue. Finally, and probably most important, the shows have introduced SMSA to many younger people.



Hannah Schneider

During the January Board of Directors meeting, the importance of Port Events to SMSA was recognized by officially making it a program and naming Hannah Schneider the first chair of the Port Events Committee. Hannah is the creator of Port Events and the person that has made and is making the events happen. She and her husband, Dak, are in their fourth year of membership.

Port Events is not meant to be a one person committee. If you would like to help Hannah put together more great parties, send her an email, [Hannah.bulynko@gmail.com](mailto:Hannah.bulynko@gmail.com) or call her at 410-610-6288.

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## Norm Dawley Is the New Clew Editor

By Roger Bayer

Norm Dawley has volunteered to take over the reins of the Clew from Roger Bayer, who has edited the Clew since 2010. Roger has been elected to try to replace Joe Kubinec as Treasurer.



Norm Dawley

Norm and his wife Rosemary joined SMSA in February, 1996, almost exactly 16 years ago. During Norm's career he worked for a small aero-space company, then IBM and Prodigy, starting in Santa Barbara, California, then spending 6 wonderful years in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and lastly Wilton, Connecticut. On a visit with Stovy and Anne Browne, Norm and Rosemary fell in love with Southern Maryland. When Norm retired, they moved to their dream house on the water on Leason Cove off Mill Creek and have been active Chesapeake Bay racers since then. Norm has "failed" retirement and now runs a small company which provides audit services for shipping departments.

Norm and Rosemary have owned *Pursuit* since she was launched in 1980. They have raced and cruised extensively: Nova Scotia, Maine, all of the Great Lakes (except Superior), the Puget Sound, the Hawaiian Islands, and Southern California as well as Narragansett Bay, Long Island Sound, Chesapeake Bay and Bermuda. Favorite harbors outside of the Chesapeake to which they would like to return are Baddeck in Nova Scotia's Bras d'Or Lakes; Watch Hill, RI (when *Pursuit* loses that extra foot of draft or they dredge the channel); Lady's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island, California; and Hanalei Bay on Kauai. Norm's all-time favorite race is the Transpac from Los Angeles to Honolulu which he has sailed seven times.

## Who Are You Going To Call?



### Officers

#### Commodore

Jimmy Yurko: 240-434-1312.

#### Vice Commodore

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#### Rear Commodore

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C 410-353-1150

LG Raley: 301-862-3100

Smitty Smith: 301-863-8285

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**Bar:** Max Munger H 410-326-9024 C 410-353-1150

**Cruise:** Rod Schroeder 410-326-0167

**Facilities:** Jolie Homsher 301-481-8609

**Junior:** Rob Miller C 301-481-9539

**Keelboat Race:** Marc Briere C 443-624-7840

**Membership:** Ellen Aulson 410-326-2383

**Port Events:** Hannah Schneider 410-610-6288

**Smallboat Race:** Robert Herbig, Jr. C 240-298-1774

**Social:** Carol Smith W 301-737-8893 C 301-672-5874

**Training:** Jennifer Marbourg-Miller C 301-641-7781

# Keelboat Race Audibles

by Marc Briere, Keelboat Race Chair

Happy New Year to all who are in the midst of either prepping our boats for the upcoming race season or pursuing other interests during the off-season (e.g. skiing which is why I had to reschedule our race planning meeting). There are a couple of topics I'd like to put up for discussion and get a consensus for this year's race activities.



- While keeping the same general race weekend schedule as we had last year, we are switching around WHICH middle distance race happens on the schedule dates. Giving different sailing conditions to the same race could make long-standing race events even more interesting. What are your thoughts?
- There was a good turnout for the mixed couples race as an "all call" to small boats, keelboats and cruisers. If we add another event to the schedule, what is the likelihood of your participation?
- I propose we do away with PRO races on Weds Nights and have 2 informal series of "round the cans" racing which is better suited for the larger majority of boats and crews. If we have at least 50% participant agreement, we will remove PRO series from the schedule.
- What is the general consensus on starting Weds night by the flats instead of near the boardwalk? Do we stay as last year for 2012 or go back to the boardwalk starts?
- Based on my first experience in recovering "E" (and "S") at the end of the 2012 season which is very hard on the RC boat, I propose to salvage the big buoy and move/re-label "S" as "E" with a cement filled bucket vs engine block. I also propose to purchase 2 new Taylor Made race marks (the same as V and K) one to replace "S" in front of the boardwalk and the other to replace "T" near the flats (as it has been sinking steadily)
- How does everyone feel about the glass and pewter awards selected (by the Vice Commodore) for the 2011 winners?
- There were some rumblings about the duration for announcing and distributing keelboat race awards at the awards banquet. How would you feel about informal awards presentation at the end of each series or event and included in the awards banquet documentation but not formally presented at the event?

Please send me emails with other topics to discuss and I will publish an AGENDA and a longer write up for the March Clew's Audibles Column. The meeting is now scheduled for, Sunday, March 4th at 4 PM.

## February Is Hot!

What's Hot?

Forecasting February's weather, Commodore Yurko has determined that it will be cold outside, so he set the Commodore's Dinner theme as Hot! The challenge is, he refuses to define what he means by Hot! Here are your choices:



- You could bring an entrée and a hot plate to serve it physically hot. Hot side dishes and hot desserts work too.
- You could bring a very spicy entrée, side dish or dessert and serve it hot, cold or in between. The Clew will give a prize for the best spicy dessert!
- You could follow the old cow rustler's recipe for steak, which starts, "First you steal a cow..."

Come and see what's hot!

## March is Cajun Time

Commodore Yurko has thrown down the challenge for March, Cajun food! As this style of food is not readily found in Southern Maryland, here is some background:

Cajun is the style of cooking named for the French-speaking Acadian or "Cajun" immigrants deported by the British from Acadia in Canada to the Acadiana region of Louisiana, USA. It is what could be called a rustic cuisine — locally available ingredients predominate, and preparation is simple.


An authentic Cajun meal is usually a three-pot affair, with one pot dedicated to the main dish, one dedicated to steamed rice, special made sausages, or some other seafood dish, and the third containing whatever vegetable is plentiful or available. Ground Cayenne & Fresh Black Pepper are used often.



This should be a grand feast!

# 2011 Awards

## January 7, 2012




<b>Informal Racing Program</b>					
<b>Spring Frostbite Series</b>					
<i>1st Splash</i>	Tom Attick		<i>4th O'Yeller</i>	Barney Hathaway and Tom Moulds <i>Jolie Homsher accepting</i>	
			<i>5th Status Quo</i>	Jimmy Yurko	
<i>2nd Pursuit</i>	Norman Dawley		<b>Double-Handed Race</b>		
			<b>Non-Spinnaker</b>		
			<i>1st Krugerrand</i>	Craig Hodan and Sarah Southworth	
<i>3rd O'Yeller</i>	Barney Hathaway and Tom Moulds <i>Jolie Homsher accepting</i>		<b>Spinnaker</b>		
<i>4th The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney		<i>1st O'Yeller</i>	Jeffrey Moore and Tom Moulds	
<i>5th American Flyer</i>	Wendy and Dan Schneider <i>Dak Schneider accepting</i>		<b>Mixed Couples Race</b>		
<b>Fall Frostbit Series</b>			<i>1st Kick'em Jenny</i>	Jolie Homsher and Jeffrey Moore	
<i>1st Easy Button</i>	Jacki and David Meiser		<i>2nd Easy Button</i>	Jacki and David Meiser	
<i>2nd Pursuit</i>	Norman Dawley		<i>3rd Twice Around</i>	Laura and Shawn Stanley	
<i>3rd Splash</i>	Tom Attick				



## Zahniser's Wednesday Night Series

### Wednesday Series

#### PHRF A

<i>1st The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney <i>Smitty Smith accepting</i>	
<i>2nd Rhumb Punch</i>	Linda and John Edwards	
<i>3rd American Flyer</i>	Wendy and Dan Schneider <i>Dak Schneider accepting</i>	

#### PHRF B




<i>1st Splash</i>	Tom Attick	
<i>2nd Wicked Good</i>	Mark Gyorgy	
<i>3rd Stingray</i>	Elliott Peterson	

#### PHRF C

<i>1st Easy Button</i>	Jacki and David Meiser <i>Shawn Stanley Accepting</i>	
<i>2nd Elan</i>	Gary Shaw	
<i>3rd Spinnster</i>	Betsy Dodge	

## PRO Series

#### PHRF A

<i>1st Rhumb Punch</i>	Linda and John Edwards	
<i>2nd The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney	
<i>3rd O'Yeller</i>	Tom Moulds and Barney Hathaway <i>Megan Hildenberger accepting</i>	


#### PHRF B

<i>1st Splash</i>	Tom Attick John McKinney accepting	
<i>2nd Stingray</i>	Elliott Peterson	
<i>2nd Wicked Good</i>	Mark Gyorgy	

#### PHRF C


<i>1st Easy Button</i>	Jacki and David Meiser <i>Laura Stanley Accepting</i>	
<i>2nd Elan</i>	Gary Shaw	
<i>3rd Akoni</i>	April and John Kriz	

**Patuxent River Regatta**


<i>1st Wicked Good</i>	Mark Gyorgy	
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**Small Boat Racing Program**

**Thursday Night Participation Award**

<i>Laser</i>	Jeffrey Moore	
<i>Albacore</i>	Joe Szymanski	
<i>Vanguard 15</i>	Mark Witte	


**Thursday Night Laser High Point Award**

<i>1st Laser</i>	Trevor Richards	
<i>2nd Laser</i>	Jeffrey Moore	
<i>3rd Laser</i>	Steve Eagley	


**Thursday Night High Point Award**

<i>1st Girlfriend</i>	David Meiser	
<i>2nd Buccaneer</i>	Jimmy Yurko	
<i>3rd Vitamin Sea</i>	Smitty Smith	


**Thursday Night Most Improved**

<i>No Patience</i>	Robert Herbig	
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**Small Boat Championship Trophy**

<i>Laser</i>	Steve Barrett	
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**"Hero" Award**

	Megan Hildenberger	
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**Cruising Program Awards**

**Cruising High Point**

<i>Sandpiper II</i>	Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman	
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**Cruising Burgee Award**


<i>Sandpiper II (56)</i>	Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman	
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**Distinguished Cruising Trophy**

<i>Safina</i>	Carolyn & Dennis Chandler	
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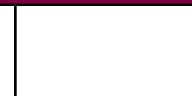

**One Thousand Mile Cruising Award**








<i>Jamiedhu</i>	Jim Owens	
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<i>Safina</i>	Carolyn & Dennis Chandler	
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<i>Sandpiper II</i>	Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman	
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<b>Formal Racing Program</b>			<b>Little Choptank Race</b> <i>Robert N. Maneely Memorial Award</i>		
<b>Sharps Island Race</b> <i>Howard D. Oaks Memorial Trophy</i>			<i>1st Akoni</i>	April and John Kriz	
<i>1st Pursuit</i>	Norman Dawley		<i>2nd Lickety Split</i>	Donna Maneely and Les Griffith	
<i>2nd American Flyer</i>	Wendy and Dan Schneider		<i>3rd Toby</i>	Christopher Eggert	
<i>3rd The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney		<b>Summer Invitational Race</b>		
<b>Spring Invitational Race</b>			<i>1st Rakali</i>	Robin and Mark Witte	
<i>1st Pursuit</i>	Norman Dawley		<i>2nd Easy Button</i>	Jacki and David Meiser	
<i>2nd Cheetah</i>	Briere and Riddell		<i>3rd Stingray</i>	Elliott Peterson	
<i>3rd Stingray</i>	Elliott Peterson		<b>Stars &amp; Stripes Trophy Race</b>		
<b>Frost - Goode Series</b> <i>Frost-Good Memorial Award</i>			<i>1st Bandit</i>	Dan Rossi	
<i>1st Fine</i>	Jonathan Phillips		<i>2nd Rakali</i>	Robin and Mark Witte	
<i>2nd Stingray</i>	Elliott Peterson		<i>3rd Cheetah</i>	Briere and Riddell	



<b>Smith Point Perpetual Trophy Race</b>		
<i>1st Age of Reason</i>	Stovy Brown	
<b>Woman's Fall Series Cedar Point Trophy</b>		
<i>1st Jubilee</i>	Emily Manders	
<b>Fall Series</b>		
<b>Non-Spinnaker</b>		
<i>1st Whiskers</i>	Barbara and James Whited	
<b>Spinnaker</b>		
<i>1st Rakali</i>	Robin and Mark Witte	
<i>2nd Splash</i>	Tom Attick	
<b>Hooper Island Point/No Point Race</b>		
<i>1st Age of Reason</i>	Stovy Brown	
<i>2nd Lickety Split</i>	Donna Maneely and Les Griffith	
<i>3rd Valiant</i>	Navy Patuxent Sail Club	

<b>Fall Invitational Series</b>		
<i>1st Rakali</i>	Robin and Mark Witte	
<i>2nd Synergy</i>	Peter LaRoche	
<i>3rd The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney	
<b>Invitational &amp; Middle-Distance Series Awards</b>		
<b>Invitational Series</b>		
<i>1st Cheetah</i>	Briere and Riddell	
<i>2nd Rakali</i>	Robin and Mark Witte	
<i>3rd Pursuit</i>	Norman Dawley	

**CRUISE PLANNING MEETING**  
4 February at 0900


This is a short reminder that planning for the SMSA 2012 cruising season will take place at 0900 on Saturday, 4 February, in the clubhouse. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Bring your ideas and help us plan the season. Refer to the cruise article in the January CLEW for more details. Contact me if you have any questions. Rod Schroeder, Cruise Chairman, [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net), 410-326-0167

**Middle Distance Series**  
*Arthur B. Thompson Memorial Trophy*



<i>1st Lickety Split</i>	Donna Maneely and Les Griffith	
<i>2nd Age of Reason</i>	Stovy Brown	
<i>3rd Toby</i>	Christopher Eggert	

**Seasonal & Special Awards**

**SMSA/CBYRA High Point Trophy**

<i>The Riddler</i>	Clarke McKinney	
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**Commodore's Trophy**

<i>1st Cheetah</i>	Briere and Riddell	
<i>2nd Lickety Split</i>	Donna Maneely and Les Griffith	

## Joe Kubinec - Member of the Year

Five years ago SMSA was a very happy club housed in a small clubhouse located on the property of Calvert Marina. As it does today, the club had strong racing and cruising programs. There weren't the facilities for a robust Junior program. The social program was good, but not as extensive as today's program. Dues were very low and life was good. Joe Kubinec became Treasurer.

The Treasurer's job is a tough job. SMSA is an all-volunteer organization. Joe made some significant improvements. He modified a highly complex budget forecasting and tracking tool which was developed for a business he owned, commonly referred to as the budget model, to track SMSA's financial performance. He greatly expanded financial communications to the BOD, Chairs and general membership.

Not too long after Joe became Treasurer the fun started. The owners of the Calvert clubhouse property decided to develop the property, forcing SMSA to find a new home. The Treasurer's job increased dramatically. A new property for a clubhouse had to be found. There was no chance that an almost rent free offering would be available. The impact of the increase in clubhouse rental had to be evaluated. Dues had to be increased as in line with the increase in rent. Dramatic increases in dues tend to irritate members. Joe worked very hard to communicate to the members as clearly as possible the ins and outs of club finances. His work helped keep the club together.



*Unable to attend the Annual Banquet, Joe was honored at the Board of Director's meeting on January 9th.*

The new clubhouse, while much more expensive, also brought new benefits: a healthy and growing small boat race program fueled by convenient boat storage facilities, a growing robust Junior program and an enhanced social program. All of these are great for the members, but they forced more work on the Treasurer.

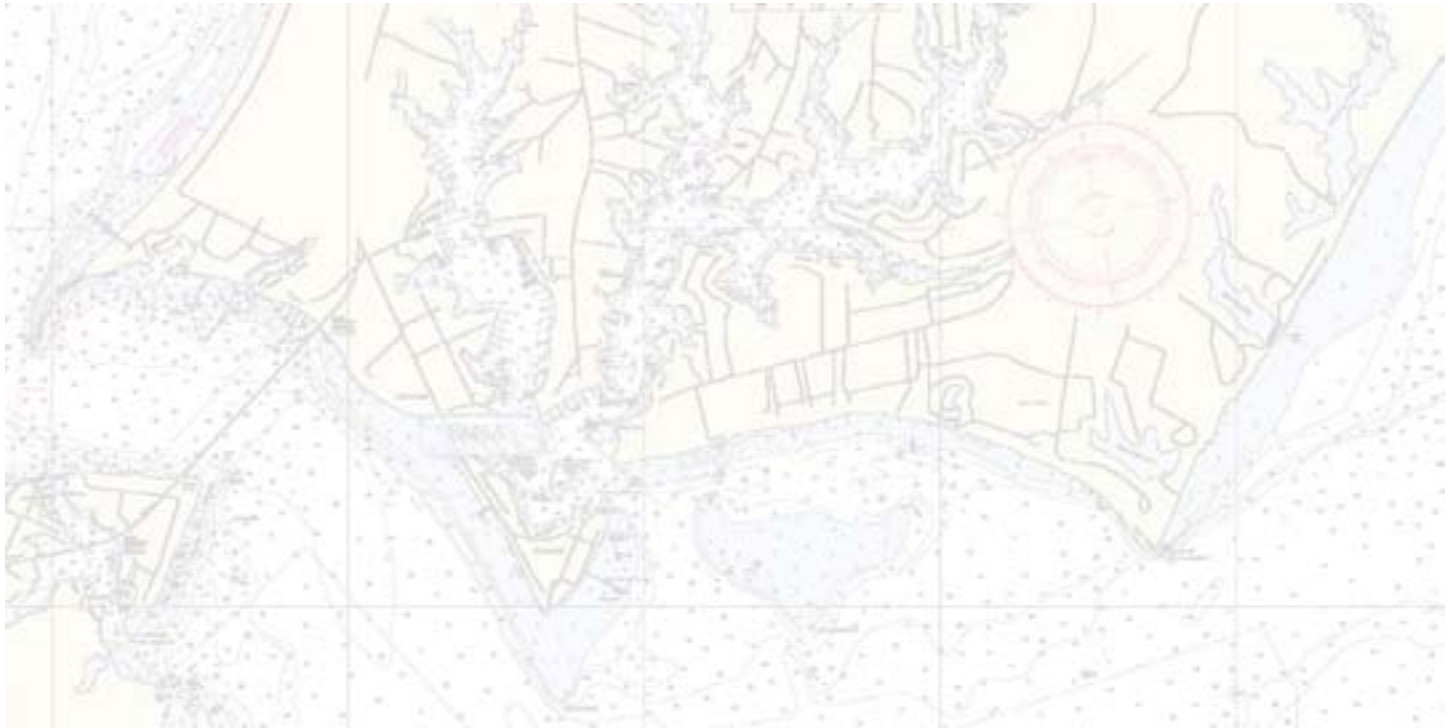
A member usually serves as Treasurer no more than two years. When the time came for Joe to step down and turn the job over to another, he was asked each year to keep doing the job because it was now so big and complex no other member could do it. Joe, being Joe, stayed on. It became a second almost full time job, but one without pay. What's worse, Joe who joined the club because he loved to sail found himself with very little time to sail. Finally, he decided that completing five years of service in 2011 was enough. It really is wonderful that the members honored Joe's service by voting him member of the year.





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February			March		
3 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00	7 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00
4 Sat	Cruise Planning Meeting	9:00	4 Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00
5 Sun	Superbowl Party	5:30	4 Sun	Keelboat Planning meeting	4:00
6 Mon	Program Chair Meeting	7:00	5 Mon	Program Chair Meeting	7:00
10 Fri	SMSA Ski Trip Starts		9 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00
10 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00	18 Sat	Introduction to Racing	10:00
11 Sat	Race Management Seminar	12:00	10 Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00
13 Mon	BOD Meeting	7:00	11 Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00
15 Wed	Clew Input Due		12 Mon	BOD Meeting	7:00
15 Wed	Membership Renewals Due		13 Tue	<b>SMSA'S BIRTHDAY!</b>	
17 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00	15 Thu	Clew Input Due	
17 Fri	Commodore's Dinner	7:00	16 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00
18 Sat	Sailing Can Be Murder	6:00	16 Fri	Commodore's Dinner	7:00
24 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00	17 Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00
25 Sat	Maryland Safe Boating Class	1:00	18 Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00
26 Sun	Racing Rules Seminar	5:30	23 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00
26 Sun	Maryland Safe Boating Class	1:00	24 Sat	Clubhouse Clean Up	9:00
29 Wed	Yearbook Input Due		24 Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00
			24 Sat	Beer, Brats, & Bucks	1:30
			25 Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00
			30 Fri	Social at SMSA	5:00
			31 Sat	First Aid and CPR Class	10:00

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