



**Commodore's
Dinner,
November 16th
7 pm**

Anything BUT
Turkey



Save These Dates

- Saturday, December 8th, 6 pm SMSA Christmas Party (also Solomons Christmas Walk and Boat Parade)
- Monday, December 31st, 8 PM SMSA New Year's Party
- Saturday, January 12th, Annual Awards Banquet

More information will be available in the December Clew and on the SMSA website

The Commodore's Corner

by Jimmy Yurko
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As I write this, hurricane Sandy is tearing up the east coast, and while 50-60 knot gusts ripping through the trees don't make me feel lucky....the center of this storm has headed north of us...I hope you all of you got through safely.

We have a great deal of thanks to pass to the SMSA members who have been working hard this month. We closed out with members securing the clubhouse and boats for the hurricane, but beyond that, October was a great and busy month. This month was event packed. There were two scheduled cruises, two weekend keelboat races, multiple major social events, all the while preparations have begun for the 2013 season.

You've by now received your ballots to see a full slate of volunteers for officers and directors. The Annual Meeting is 10:00 am Saturday Nov 3 at the SMSA clubhouse. The SMSA team has been working on preparing a budget and schedule to conclude 2012 with a strong program and bring in an even better 2013.



Crowded mark rounding at Bucctoberfest

Port Events

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Pirate & Wench Halloween Festival

Port Events hosted SMSA's first Pirate & Wench Halloween festival which was embraced by all. The club house was transformed with pumpkins, spider webs, ghosts, singing pirates and more (Yes we really had singing pirates!) Small children were made into mummy's, after being torn from the mesmerizing strobe lights and ghouls in the smoky haunted house (formerly the club office!). Joe Frost won most believable Pirate and was awarded valuable booty from West Marine. It quickly became evident that club members have an affinity for dressing up when told they get to garnish a sword! Pirates were seen comparing swords. Who knew most club members harbor Pirate & Wench attire in their wardrobes? Matey Marc Brière quickly had to shed his pirate hair to avoid fear and tears - small children found it scary! Boo-hoo!

Members went all out artistically on their Halloween dishes, the food could have been it's own award winning culinary contest! Happy Halloween!

This event was made possible by our many wonderful volunteers MANY thanks to Carol Smith for making sure no one starved, Phoebe (a new club member this year) for spear-heading the kids events, Mike Major (also a new member) with Dak Schneider on the bar and clean up, Anna Mack at the front door, Andrea (prospective member) for her West Marine donations, Megan Hildenberger as photographer, Commodore Jimmy for the front banner, Adele and Betsy for their awesome jell-o shooters, Michelle Major and other helping hands!!!

Look for the next Port Event in February around Valentine's Day (for everyone)!

For Sale: 1987 Freedom 28' Sailboat, Single owner, Excellent condition, 4'6" draft, complete with sails (full battened main and self-tailing jib with covers), dodger and bimini, 6' standing headroom, 16HP Yanmar diesel, galley stove top and oven with 2 propane tanks. Contact Sue Stevenson at sstevensonbay1@comcast.net or call 410-326-3087.

Membership News

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SMSA October New Members

The SMSA Board of Governors has approved the following new memberships. Please welcome our newest members to SMSA and seek them out at our various SMSA activities.

Kyle Potts is a new young adult member sponsored by Jeff Robbins Jr. Kyle lives in California, MD and is interested in participating in our club membership activities and sailing/racing with us. Welcome aboard.

Alice Blayne-Allard is a new member sponsored by Tim Flaherty. Alice lives in Arnold, MD and is interested in dinghy racing and cruising with us. Welcome aboard.

Maya and Bryan Dorman are new members sponsored by Kristi Yurko. Maya and Bryan live in Lusby, MD and are interested in participating in our club membership activities and learning to sail with us through our Adult Learn to Sail training program. Welcome aboard.

Edward and Mary Blumberg are new members sponsored by Kristi Yurko. Edward and Mary live in Solomons, MD and are interested in participating in our club membership activities and learning to sail with us through our Adult Learn to Sail training program. Welcome aboard



Rakali during the Fall Series

Cruising Corner

By Rod Schroeder
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As you are reading this article in the November Clew, we will have completed the traditional SMSA Halloween Cruise on 26 – 29 October, and this brings an end to our formal schedule of cruises; however, I expect that some of you will continue to take advantage of some great Fall cruising opportunities before zipping up for Winter. If you have an exciting cruising experience that is not on our schedule, I encourage you to share it with us by submitting a short article and/or pictures for publication in the Clew. This also applies to you “Snow Birds” who would like to share your southbound fun with the rest of us in order to keep our juices flowing until Spring. Do any of you have a Blog address that you would like to share with SMSA members?

Start thinking about next year’s cruising program and desired destinations to support our cruise planning session next February – it will be here before you know it. Throughout the year, we often heard comments such as “next year we should go to”, or “has anyone ever been to” This will be your chance to put those thoughts into the schedule for 2013. As always, please consider volunteering to be the Cruise Leader for some of the cruises. Although this year’s leaders did an awesome job, we could use some more variety and share the fun.

The last official business for this year is to give some cruising awards to those who were the most dedicated during the 2012 season. Please check the Cruise Points tab in the cruising section of the web page to ensure that your cruise point totals are correct. Also, those of you who will log over 1000 cruising miles this season (1 Jan – 31 Dec) need to let me know so that we can properly recognize your exploits – a few details for justification would also be appreciated. Please plan on attending the Awards Banquet in January to acknowledge our fellow sailors’ on-the-water accomplishments (both cruising and racing).

Not sure who will be the Cruise Chairman next year; but, I will be glad to discuss the duties and responsibilities with those of you who might be interested in this gratifying position. I would also like to solicit any feedback, suggestions, comments, etc. that might add fun and value to the cruise program in the future. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for something.

Thanks for a great 2012 cruising season.

Rod

Where the Wind Blows October Cruise

Oct 13 – Oct 14

by Jerry and Donna Taylor

Three boats participated in the weekend cruise on October 13th and 14th. Rod and Pat Schroeder (Ruste Nayle), Dennis and Carolyn Chandler (Safina), and Jerry and Donna Taylor (Piper) participated. Saturday morning was very cold as temperatures dropped to the forties during the night. The brisk NE winds in the morning subsided as the wind swung around to the South. It was decided to make Mill Creek (St. Mary’s) the destination as the wind got very light. Ruste Nayle dropped the hook and was joined by Safina and Piper as the afternoon temperatures warmed up. A pleasant happy hour was spent with a lot of food, considering there were only three couples, then broke up for the evening. Sunday was warmer, but the wind picked up early. Ruste Nayle left around 8:00 to attend on-shore commitments. Safina departed around 10:00 and spent several hours of good sailing on the Bay in 25 knot gusts, which Safina loves. Piper departed at 2:00 and sailed in the river for a couple of hours in 23 knot gusts with only half a jib out. It was a great Fall weekend with just the right nip in the air and the wind to match. The season is winding down with only one cruise remaining on the last weekend in October.



Another Happy Hour in Mill Creek

Choptank Exploration Cruise

Sep 15 – Sep 23

by Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel

Our cruise started with a very windy Saturday with 6 knots of wind in the slip, 15 knots of wind in the river and 25 to 30 knots out of the North and 3 to 5 foot waves in the Bay. To make our trip more comfortable we put a 50% reef in the main and tacked up the Bay. *Patty K* braved the weather but we decided to cut the day's distance short with a run into Hudson Creek on the Little Choptank River. Of course, once we sailed into the Little Choptank River the weather became much more acceptable. We anchored near our regular anchorage and were joined by seven other boats seeking refuge from the Bay.



Visitors Arriving by Dinghy

Day two the cruise really got underway with *Piper* and *Carpincho* joining *Patty K* and taking up an anchorage in Baby Owl Cove, off of Ledenham Creek, off the Choptank River. Happy hour was calm and very enjoyable. Before dark we broke the raft and anchored separately.



Ready to go Ashore

The next day we took our time and ventured into the back side of St. Michaels, on San Domingo Creek. Rich's daughter, the fighter pilot, was visiting from Luke AFB and joined

the cruisers for a wonderful dinner at the Crab Claw restaurant. Monday night, and Tuesday during the day, we faced howling winds and rain as a front moved through. Wind gusts and rain made for an interesting time. *Carpincho's* anchor broke loose on Tuesday morning and blew them aground. Jerry and Patty manned dinghies to try to help push them off, but to no avail. Tow Boats US helped free *Patty* and *Peter's* boat and guided them to a safe and solid anchorage which held through the rest of the blow.

Wednesday morning *Carpincho* headed home and *Piper* and *Patty K* headed to Oxford on a nice reach down the Choptank River. We each took a T-head at Mear's Yacht Haven. Happy hour was aboard *Piper* and then we had a very nice dinner at Latitude 38. Oxford is a very nice stay but shops are far and few between. The Robert Morris Inn is open once again for business along with the cute little book store and small general store. They do have a nice little museum that focuses on the region. Rich bought three books for their trip down the ICW at the book store.

Thursday, *Patty K* headed back to Solomons early leaving *Piper* to have a good breakfast at the Robert Morris Inn. The wind was light until late into the day and Rich took advantage to troll a little. *Piper* caught up with *Patty K* at the fish traps and said he was going on to Mill Creek to enjoy a quiet evening. *Patty K* headed to the slip after a great cruise.



Rich's Proud Catch of the Day

Sharps Island Race

October 13, Race Committee, Wicked Good

It was a beautiful day for the last Middle Distance Race of the season, Sharps Island. The fleet got off on-time, into a very light northerly with the tide going from slack to flood. After we passed Cove Point the wind went to nothing for an hour or so. Of course it is rarely totally nothing. This time “nothing” was 0-2 knots switching from the east to the west on about a 10 minute cycle, during which we enjoyed at least six sail changes or gybes. Eventually we could see the boats astern getting a light southerly which they kindly brought with them while we were parked. We managed to hold off everyone but American Flyer (It’s great to have you out again, Dan.) rounding Sharps second with everyone else way too close. As we approached Sharps we were having a hard time deciding between the light #1 and heavy #1. Luckily we choose correctly, the heavy #1. It was a solid beat with good southerly breeze all the way back to the finish. Bad Cat slipped by but we opened up nicely on the rest of the fleet, finishing in the chill of a fall evening just before 2000.



American Flyer - First to Sharps

Norm Dawley aboard Pursuit

Spinnaker Fleet Date: 10/13/12 Start Time: 10:10:00 Distance: 38.9nm

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	VMC
1	2	23798	Pursuit	54	19:52:21	9:42:21	9:07:20	4.00
2	6	43067	Lickety Split	168	21:10:25	11:00:25	9:11:30	3.53
3	1	63	Bad Cat	39	19:47:56	9:37:56	9:12:39	4.04
4	3	39519	American Flyer	54	20:02:51	9:52:51	9:17:50	3.94
5	4	50473	Cheetah	36	20:12:46	10:02:46	9:39:26	3.87
DNF	9	60177	Valiant	93				
DNF	8	764	Audrey	174				
RAF	5	14	Age of Reason	162	20:51:24			3.58

Fall Invitational

October 22, Race Committee Lakahi

Spinnaker Fleet Date: 10/22/11 Start Time: 13:10:00 Distance: 4.1nm

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	1	63	Bad Cat	39	14:42:00	1:32:00	1:29:20
2	2	93121	Wicked Good	132	14:53:21	1:43:21	1:34:20
3	3	39519	American Flyer	48	14:54:07	1:44:07	1:40:50
4	5	764	Audrey	174	15:02:55	1:52:55	1:41:02
5	4	50473	Cheetah	36	14:55:02	1:45:02	1:42:34
6	7	83096	Synergy	168	15:05:02	1:55:02	1:43:33
7	6	63383	Stingray	129	15:03:00	1:53:00	1:44:11
8	9	93227	Akoni	180	15:08:46	1:58:46	1:46:28
9	8	43067	Lickety Split	168	15:08:09	1:58:09	1:46:40

Speed as VMG of winning boat: 2.7 knots

A Buccaneering October

by Jimmy Yurko

For SMSA's Buccaneer 18 sailors October was an exciting month. The excitement began with the **Macalpine Downie/Gibbs Regatta** at Kerr Lake, Henderson NC. This regatta (held in honor of the designers of the Buccaneer 18) boasted 14 Buccaneers on the starting line, one of the largest turnouts of any one design class I've seen this season. Four teams from Southern Maryland attended the event, Jimmy and Kristi Yurko, Mark Gyorgy and John Durniak, Eric and Eric Smith, and Brian O'Hara and Debbie Wessler. Buccaneer base camp was set up at the home of local Bucc sailor Tom Wille. There folks enjoyed the BBQ, hot tub, pool-side party telling tall tales until the wee hours of the morning put them to bed in their tents. The sailing was extremely exciting, seven races were sailed with fresh breeze both Saturday and Sunday. The regatta included several top competitors from around the country, with boats from as far away as Denver coming to race. The top SMSA boat was Jimmy and Kristi Yurko's "BAMF!" with a 2nd place overall just two points out of first after seven races.



Andy at Kerr Lake

Western Carolina Sailing Club's "Hospice" Regatta

For the 2nd week in a row, SMSA sailors traveled out of state to hit the line with a fleet of 14 Buccaneers. This time on the road were team

"Christopher Dragon" with Jim Whited and crew Jen Miller, as well as shore support Rob and Evie Miller. A few miles behind on the road (but unfortunately several hours behind due to construction on I95 in Richmond) were teams "BAMF!", Jimmy, Kristi and Annabelle Yurko, and "Dragon Warrior" Eric Smith and Andrea Royer. Both groups drove through the night Thursday to provide plenty of time for rest and prep on Friday, which was needed as WCSC is a 500 mile drive, but a dream destination. The "Hospice" regatta is sailed on Lake Hartwell, in Anderson, SC which is on the South Carolina/Georgia border.

WCSC's grounds occupy 17 acres (10 of which is an Island) on the lake. Local sailors have a big advantage, as the unique landscape and numerous islands in the lake make for very peculiar local weather patterns. Saturday's conditions were warm with moderate winds providing close racing in the 14 boat fleet. "BAMF!" was tied for first in class at the end of Saturday but losing the tiebreaker, by virtue of only having won one race to Rick Scarborough's "Sanquine" of Alabama's two wins. Sunday's forecast was for ZERO mph winds...the glassy smooth lake at sunrise didn't make it look good for an SMSA upset. We prepped the boats and paddled, oached, sculled our way out to the racecourse looking for opportunity.

Enough wind to race did fill in, and the first race of the day was the turning point. "BAMF!" got out to an early lead, by taking a port tack approach on a port favored/pin favored line and crossed the entire fleet at the gun. The two lap windward/leeward race ended with "BAMF!" in first, but more important, "Artful Dodger", of WCSC, and "Christopher Dragon" (Jim Whited/Jen Miller) in front of "Sanguine" as well. The 2nd and final race of the day and last for the series ended in a drift, the fleet was just barely making way to the downwind finish. First place in the race was taken by Artful Dodger, but BAMF! and Sanguine had many lead changes and the fleet was tight, so either boat could win the regatta. When the two boats approached the finish line amidst a four boat overlap Sanquine was ahead of BAMF!, but only one boat squeezed between them...1st place overall went to the SMSA team!

One final interesting piece of information about the Hospice regatta is that it is part of a national Hospice series. This particular regatta raised \$54,000 for the local hospice organization in western South Carolina. The winners of their respective fleets were placed in a drawing to win a opportunity to race in the national Hospice regatta in spring of 2013 in St. Petersburg Florida.

Have Questions? Call.

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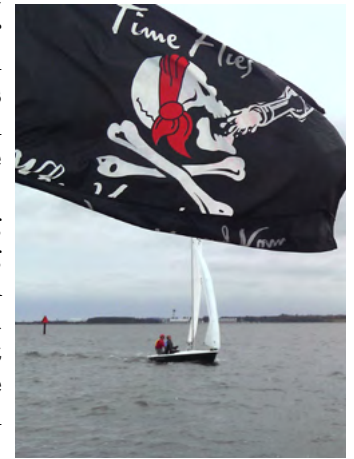
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"Bucctoberfest" at SMSA

Bucctoberfest is an informal regatta we've hosted at SMSA for the past three or four years. This year's event drew over ten boats, but the cool air and strong breezes left some of the crews ashore, or motivated them to volunteer for RC. By the time the races started we saw nine boats racing. Originally this event began as a fleet building activity, but has now grown into something that seems to be drawing attention to SMSA on a wider picture. The spirit of the regatta is pure fun. The regatta is somewhat traditional in nature, as we do run some conventional racecourses, but we don't hold to all the conventions.



To give you an idea of what is a little different about this event, we will take a closer look at the how it works. First of all when sailors cross tacks in this event the rules dictate the boats to shout Arrgh! if crossing, or to shout Quack when ducking. Also the regatta is scored a little differently. We score the event on a High Point system, the team with the MOST points at the end of the day wins. You get a point for every boat you beat in a given event, as well as other contests such as who can bring in the most new crew, or who gets to the dock first. In an effort to level the playing field the regatta is also seeded, and you get the points for your seed, so the 12th seed boat starts with 12 points, and the first seed boat starts with 1 point. The first race of Bucctoberfest is from the dock, to the starting area. Sure, we all know that every regatta starts this way, but this regatta awards points to the teams that get there first! From there we start turning things around a little.



What happens next?

for poker cards, and had a one hand game of stud poker to earn more points.

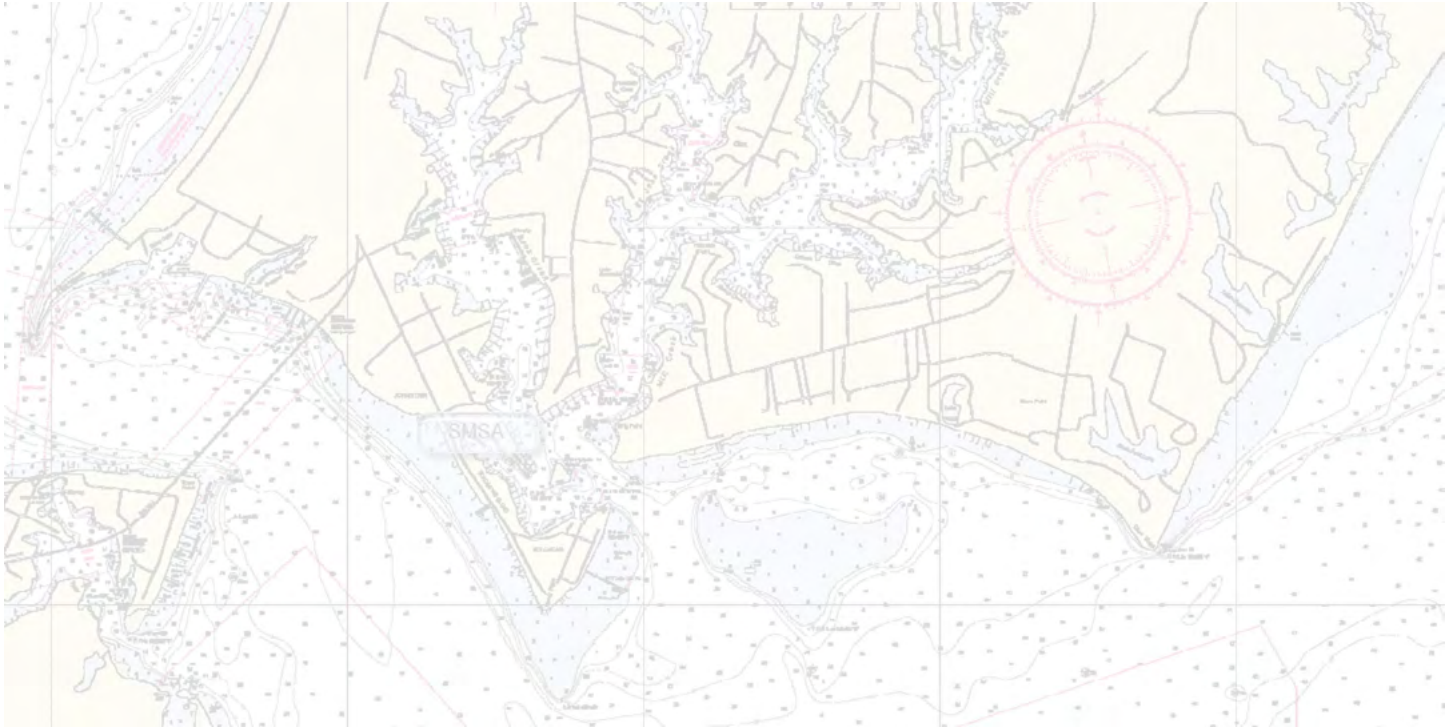
Nine Buccaneers competed in the event, and all had a great time. The winds were stiff, and the competition was tight. There were smiles on every boat, on and off the water.

The next themed event we're planning is the "Freeze Your Bucc Off" regatta in early December.



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November			
2	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
3	Sat	Annual Membership Meeting	1000
3	Sat	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
4	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1300
9	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
10	Sat	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
11	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1300
12	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
16	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
16	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
17	Sat	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
18	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1300
20	Tue	Clew Inputs Due	
23	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
24	Sat	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
25	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1300
26	Mon	Chair Meeting	1900
30	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700

December			
2	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
7	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
7-8	Fri-Sat	Solomons Christmas Walk	
8	Sat	SMSA Christmas Party	1800
8	Sat	Solomons Boat Parade	1815
9	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
10	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
14	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
16	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
20	Thu	Clew Inputs Due	
21	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
21	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
23	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
28	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
30	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
31	Mon	New Year's Eve Party	2000

For more details: Go to www.smsa.com, then click on Calendar, then click the item that interests you.