



The Commodore's Corner

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Happy New Year! Have you established your resolutions? I think I'm going to spend more time away from home, eat more, and drink more...Perhaps I will put aside more time to hang around the clubhouse with friends. Perhaps you are going to get out and sail more, or get to another cruise? Whatever it is that you want to do more, or less of this year I hope it works out well for you.

As an organization; I suggest we resolve to have more fun, race more, cruise more, and spend more time with friends at the club. We'll do all this like the world was going to end....

Ok, so the bad New Year's jokes and clichés are a little old, but the opportunities to get out with friends, and enjoy all that we've got planned for you are no joke. We're putting the final touches on the 2013 SMSA calendar, and you can see them right now on the calendar page at www.smsa.com.

As we close 2012 we can be grateful for a very good year. We held a full schedule of well attended races, cruises, and parties.

Some highlights to think about:

- We can be very happy to announce that the 2013 proposed budget is both balanced and realistic.
- We have renewed our clubhouse lease for another five years.
- We are expanding some of our race seasons, and continuing all the rest of the great programming you've come to expect.
- We closed the year with more members than we started the year with.
- We are in great fiscal shape to start the New Year.
- Unlike just about everything else in life we can be happy that dues and fees at SMSA are not going up in 2013!

Thanks to our Volunteers: Due to your effort, and time we are able to continue to be successful. We are a volunteer organization, and we have quite a few people who have helped this year to be successful. I would like to take a moment to thank the people who are leaving the board of directors and program volunteers who've done so much for us this past year. First I want to thank Norm Dawley who publishes this newsletter for all the effort, Carol Smith who is still working to organize a great banquet for us, Robert Herbig who has headed up our Small Boat Racing program for the last four years, Scott Patterson who has stepped up this year to serve as Treasurer, and last, but certainly not least Jim Keen who has been serving on the Board of directors in various jobs for over a decade.

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual banquet, January 12 at the Holiday Inn in Solomons.



12/2/2012

Hello my friends @ SMSA,

A long overdue Thank You for a great summer of sailing in 2012. I have been here in Afghanistan since August. There was no rain until Nov 15. Now December it's cold at night but still in the 60s during the day. Desert Life!!! Unfortunately No Sailing!!!

Deborah, Chase & Danyell also appreciated all of your kindness.

Hope to see you all in June 2013!!

Merry Christmas!!

Regards, John Watson

Commodore's Dinner, Jan. 25th 7 pm

"More or Less" Each January many of us resolve to do more or less of something, we resolve to gain weight, drink more, sleep less, exercise less... you get the picture. Well this month, let's have a dinner that celebrates more...or less. More chocolate, less calories or more chicken, less broth...whatever works for you. I'm going to buy a bottle of wine for the member whose theme makes me laugh hardest. Let's see what we can come up with.

Social Events

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Welcome to the New Year!! If you haven't RSVP'd to the Banquet on 12 January 2013 and still would like to attend please call or text me at 301-672-5874 as soon as possible.

I would like to say thank you to all of you that have lent a hand this last year. It was greatly appreciated! In the coming year, please lend your support to Eric Smith, as he will be taking up the reins for social. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Social Chair this last year and look forward to seeing everyone in 2013.

Junior Program

by Rob Miller



As 2012 comes to a close, so does my tenure as Junior Program Chair. This year SMSA provided sailing instruction to eighty children, an increase from 2011, and stayed within the program's budget. Many individuals contributed to the success of this year's program, including program volunteers Jimmy and Kristi Yurko, Mark Williams, Jim Whited; our 2012 instructors Shannon Biere, LaRane Garner, and Ed Sierra; and Greg Bizup, Laura Herbig, Lauren Miller, and Alexa Fezler, who volunteered and assisted our instructors.

SMSA's sailing classes may only be held from June through August, but a lot of work is done in the months leading up to the start of classes including maintenance to the boats and equipment, searching for instructors, and developing the class schedule. For 2013, Ed Sierra will become the Junior Program Chair and assume those responsibilities. If you are interesting in volunteering your time or abilities, be on the lookout for calls for volunteers.

SMSA Training

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SMSA's training program had a very successful year. We conducted 8 classes/seminars during the year and trained more than 60 students on topics ranging from Bartending to First Aid/CPR and Race Management to Racing Rules.

I would like to thank all the instructors that shared their time and knowledge with the club and our members during 2012: Guy Barbato, Stovy Brown, Keith Jacobs, Kristen Quinn, Dan Trammel, Jimmy Yurko, and Kristi Yurko. Thank you one and all!

I will be returning next year as your 2013 Training Chair. I am currently planning to have sessions of all the "classics": Race Management, Racing Rules, and Intro to Racing and Tactics. In addition, I am hoping to have another "Intro to Sailing" course to provide an opportunity for guests from the community to come learn about the club and our sailing classes – and hopefully join SMSA!

A schedule is being developed - Keep your eyes out in upcoming Clews for more details. If you have any ideas or suggestions for other courses you would like to see, please contact me at training@smsa.com.

Cruising Corner

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I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and that you got lots of boat toys to help keep the sailing bug alive until the spring season begins. Aside from the Annual Awards Banquet, the next cruising activity will be our 2013 Cruise Planning Meeting scheduled for 2 February at 0900 in the clubhouse. As mentioned last month, please give thought to volunteering as a cruise leader to one of your favorite destinations and help fill up the season with many cruise opportunities for SMSA sailors to enjoy our passion together on-the-water. If you are unable to attend the Cruise Planning Meeting, you can still participate by email – just send me your inputs in advance and we will work them into the schedule.

Planning for the 2013 Sailstice DelMarVa Rally (15 – 22 June) continues to take shape, and I have heard of some interest from SMSA sailors to attend the rally. You can visit the rally website at <http://www.delmarvarally.com/> for more information about the event, upcoming seminars, meet & greet socials for participants, and to sign up to receive additional email news and notices about the rally. One of their recent postings proposed the following list of safety equipment required for the rally. Whether or not you do the rally, this list is worthy of your consideration, especially if you venture offshore. How does your boat stack up against this list?

Safety and other Required Equipment

- Smoke detectors and propane sniffer.
- Manual bilge pump.
- Wood plugs attached to each through-hull fitting.
- Fire extinguishers, at least two.
- First aid kit(s) and first aid manual.
- Fog horn.
- Handheld VHF fully charged.
- Handheld GPS.
- Paper charts or chart book showing area where you are going to be sailing.
- USCG inflatable life jackets or USCG vests. At least one for each crew member.
- Jack lines.
- Tethers.
- Rigging knife.
- Flares or flare kit.
- Fully provisioned ditch bag. We will provide a list of suggested contents.
- SPOT tracking.
- EPIRB (can be rented from Boat US) and personal

EPIRBS are recommended but not required.

- Life raft or inflated dinghy secured on deck.
- Radar reflector.
- Emergency navigation lights.
- Emergency tiller.
- Watertight spotlight.
- Man overboard drill completion certificate signed by all crew members. We will provide a form for this.
- At least one solid bucket with lanyard.
- A bottle of Clorox to be used as disinfectant should you have a sewage or other bodily fluid spill.
- A siphon system and oilsorb rags in case you need to transfer fuel to the boat's fill pipe.
- The ability to reef the main significantly (suggested to less than 50% full size area), and recommended at least a heavy weather jib if not a storm jib.

Keelboat Audibles

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Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The New Year's celebrations are over and it's time to review the keelboat program with fleet captains and make our adjustments to the program for this year. We will be sending out another survey in the next week or so to get your input on the program for the last two years and desires or expectations for the 2013 season. I say WE as this year I have at least one assistant to help out with facilitating and executing this year's race program, Mark Gyorgy. That is, of course, in addition to the volunteers for managing the RC boat, scoring, CBYRA and PHRF coordination, Protest Committee, Race Management/RC, etc without whom there would be no program. The only things we're tied to right now are the CBYRA-sanctioned events which are coordinated each October for the following year. We have flexibility in race event format, schedules, race durations, start locations, etc. Please take a few minutes to give us some constructive criticism and suggestions for 2013 by the January 19th. Your input from the last survey helped improve the program and influenced several changes. We will compile this year's survey results and present them in a race program planning meeting in early February. These surveys are the only way we are sure to get EVERYONE's input independent of scheduling conflicts with attending the race planning meeting or for those who tend to be less vocal during face-to-face meetings. See you at the awards banquet!

Communications

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Another Successful Christmas Walk/Open House

When I first arrived at the clubhouse for the SMSA Winter Open House, I was glad to see that the tree was up, the lights were lit, and the pool was filled with water for the kids to float their decorated boats in. However, I was a little surprised that not a single child was to be seen. Although we were a little anxious that the chilly rain would keep the children away, we put on our smiles and enjoyed the cookies and beverages and talk to be had. Our patience and good spirits paid off. Shortly after Santa arrived for the Gazebo tree-lighting, the children came in



droves, grabbing a cookie at the door and running to the rear, beckoned by the arts and crafts awaiting them. Parents helped themselves to hot apple cider, and grabbed their cameras as the little ones let their imaginations run wild. Smiles

multiplied when Santa made an appearance at the club to spread good cheer and admire the creations of future boat-builders and sailors. Thank you to the door-greeters, bartenders, boat-kit givers and everyone else who volunteered to make that night possible!



“SMSA Holiday Cheer”

Though the boat parade was shrouded by thick fog, the clubhouse featured an enjoyable scene. Members gathered the second Saturday evening in December to celebrate with good cheer. Delicious food was in plenty, and young and old gathered around tables to eat, drink and be merry. After making her rounds in the boat parade, Lakahi tied up at our pier, and her crew joined us inside for warming beverages. A hearty thanks to Carol Smith and all her helpers for fabulous planning and decorating.



Jim & Kris Young's Lakahi all decked out for Christmas

“Newsletter Help Needed”

Do you like to dabble with the creative? Would you like to play an integral part in keeping your fellow sailors in-the-loop? Do you have ideas to help spice-up our Clew?

SMSA is looking for volunteers to organize and publish its monthly (or quarterly) newsletter. Don't hold back! Help is needed in multiple areas -- no matter what your skills are, you can help your club. Please contact communications@smsa.com.

Have Questions? Call.

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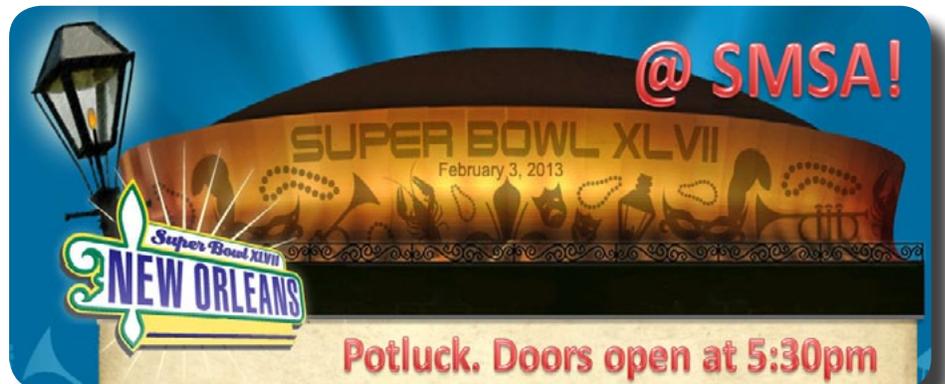
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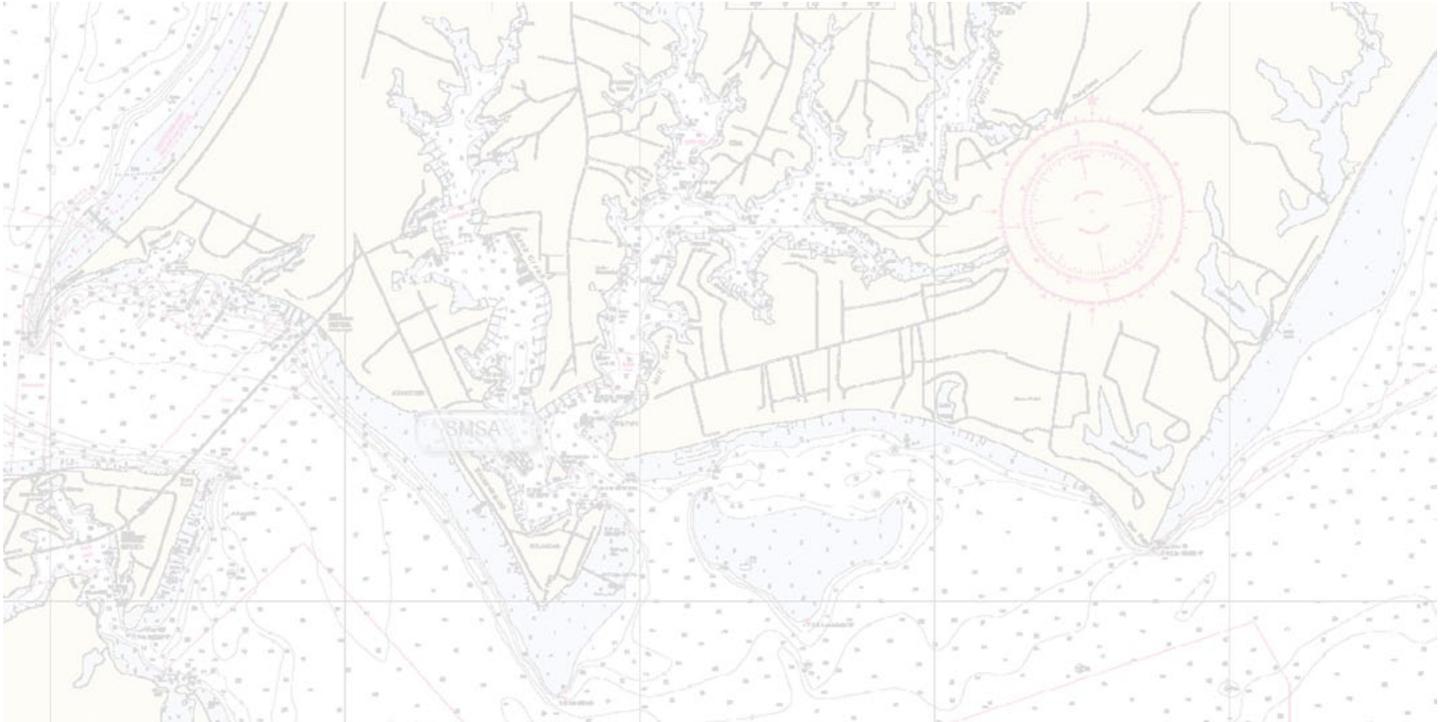
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January			
4	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
11	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
12	Sat	Annual Awards Banquet	1800
14	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
18	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
20	Thu	Clew Inputs Due	
25	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
25	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
28	Mon	Chair Meeting	1900
29	Tue	Junior Committee Meeting	1800

February			
1	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
2	Sat	Cruise Planning Meeting	1700
3	Sun	Super Bowl Party	1730
8	Fri	Happy Hour	1700
8	Fri	Race Planning Meeting	1900
15	Fri	Membership Renewals Due	
15	Fri	Happy Hour	1700
16	Sat	Valentine's Event	
20	Wed	Clew Inputs Due	
22	Fri	Happy Hour	1700
22	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
23	Sat	MD Boater's Training	1000
24	Sun	MD Boater's Training	1000
25	Mon	Chair Meeting	
27	Wed	Yearbook Inputs Due	

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