



The Commodore's Corner

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"Anything for those guys."

That was the response from SMSA member Chuck Jeffries when I queried he and business partner Marc Briere about having AMEWAS, a Lexington Park-based defense contractor, sponsor a visit by wounded veterans and their families on July 4th. Minutes before I heard back from Marc and Chuck, I also received an affirmative response from Mike Lorenzini at Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. Together, the companies will pick up the bar tabs for the veterans group in their visit to SMSA.

If you are not doing the club's Independence Cruise to St. Mary's City, stop by SMSA July 4th afternoon starting at 4pm. The bar will be open, and there will be a potluck dinner at 7pm. Stay for the fireworks at 9:15.

Most of all, come by to greet a wounded veteran and make them and their families feel welcome at SMSA. The visit is being arranged by the Solomons Business Association and spearheaded by SMSA member Lisa Batchelor-Frailey in cooperation with the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

July is perhaps our busiest month of the year. After July 4th, we have the Stars and Stripes Race on July 6th, the Vice Commodores' Cruise/ Race on July 12th, Screwpile July 18th - 20th, a "Where The Wind Blows" cruise July 25th - 27th, plus our regular Wednesday night and Thursday night races, and Friday Happy Hours. That's in addition to the almost daily camp activity and Adult Learn to Sail Weekends!

Be on the lookout for special messages about Screwpile. There's a new format this year (Friday - Sunday), and we will likely have a party at the clubhouse the previous Thursday. All the other events will be held near the pool at the Holiday Inn.

The International 420 Dinghies you've read so much about are here and have been in use for weeks now. Our ever-popular kids summer camp is in full swing and has been making great use of the little boats, as has the Adult Learn To Sail. The 420s are also available for YOU to sign out and sail when not being used by the Juniors. Polish your skills or just sail around Solomons by yourself or with friends. Shortly we will be posting the rules and sign-out procedure.

Stop by the clubhouse to socialize and use our facilities. I recently had a new member gush to me about how much fun she and her children were having at the club, between sailing the small boats and the Holder 20 keelboats we have at the pier, playing foosball and air hockey, and meeting new friends and talking sailing at the bar. "It's a wonder this place isn't more popular," she exclaimed.

I have a feeling word will spread!

4th of July

Join us for food, fun and fireworks!

4pm: Clubhouse opens

7pm: Potluck dinner/desserts

9:15pm: Solomons Fireworks start directly in front of SMSA



Looking for SMSA swag, but didn't pre-order?

You're in Luck!!!!

The following are available for purchase at the clubhouse:

Tee Shirts (White and Charcoal Grey), \$15:

Men's: S, M, L, XL

Women's: S, M, L, XL

Youth (White only): XS, S, M, L, XL

Tech Shirts— Long Sleeve (Silver), \$17:

Adult: M, L, XL

Tech Shirts—Short Sleeve (Silver), \$17:

Men's: M, L, XL

Women's: S, M, L

Essential Tote Bags: \$11.50

Pendants, Tie Tacks, Pins: \$3

Hats: \$15

Visors: \$11



HAPPY HOUR RAFT UP..... CRUISE TO
ANNAPOLIS SUMMER GARDEN THEATER
....UPCOMING SAILING EVENTS

Cruising Corner

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On a beautiful Saturday, May 31, SMSA hosted another *Happy Hour Raft-Up* in Mill Creek with a nice raft of 8 boats participating. After a short day sail, **Ruste Nayle** (Rod & Pat Schroeder) set anchor at about 1500 to prepare for boarders.

Over the next couple of hours, the raft built up to include **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman), **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp), **Rakali** (Mark & Robin Witte with Megan Hildenberger aboard), and **Irazu** (Larry & Rose Ray). **Stingray** (Elliot & Alexa Peterson) wanted to sharpen their independent cruising skills so they set their own anchor nearby and dinked over to the raft with their happy hour goodies.



Elliot and Alexa dinking over to the fun!



Piper (Jerry Taylor) was a late arrival, but still got there in time to socialize and clean up on the plentiful munchies. Also joining the Raft up on their power boat **Marti-Gras** were former SMSA members Matt & Marty Miller. As the evening social wound down several boats returned to Solomons for the night while the **Stingray** crew scrambled into their dinghy to chase down their drifting boat whose anchor had popped loose after a brisk 180 degree wind shift. After a successful boat retrieval, **Stingray**, **Piper**, and **Ruste Nayle** spent an uneventful night anchored in Mill Creek, awaking to another beautiful but windless morning.



Sunset on Mill Creek



Happy Ladies on the raft up

How Sweet!



Whose Toes?

The annual cruise to the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater began with a long day of motor sailing from Solomons to the Rhode River on Friday 13 June with a light southerly wind providing just a little help at times.



Patty K (Rich & Patty Freeman with Patty's daughter Katie) got an early start and arrived first to establish a secure anchorage for our nightly social gathering. **Ruste Nayle** (Rod & Pat Schroeder) were about an hour behind **Patty K** and arrived just in time to drop an anchor before afternoon thunderstorms and lightening danced all around us. **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman) rounded out our fleet of three boats, but were still coming up the bay as they rode out the full force and fury of the storms before venturing into the river to join the group.

Due to the unstable weather all boats anchored separately, but we still found time for **Patty K** to host us for happy hour. Saturday morning greeted us with a brisk NW wind that provided us with a nice broad reach coming out of the Rhode and West Rivers toward Thomas Point Light, and then a very close reach from Thomas Point toward Annapolis. Motoring directly into the wind was the order of the day for the last few miles as we easily picked up mooring balls in front of Ego Alley for the rest of the day and night. Eating, shopping, and napping filled in the daytime activities for all the crews before gathering at The Federal House Bar & Grill for dinner. The food was good and the service was friendly and quick. We finished dinner with enough time to visit one of the ice cream shops for dessert before proceeding to the Summer Garden Theater to enjoy an excellent performance of the musical "42nd Street".



The trip south to Solomons on Sunday was much like the trip north on Friday - a long motor sail with a light following wind.

There are a lot of cruising opportunities coming up over the next couple of months. Here is what is coming up in July.

3 - 6 July Independence Cruise: We will leave Solomons on Thursday 3 July to anchor in Price Cove near the mouth of St Mary's River for the night. On 4 July we will anchor in Horseshoe Bend to enjoy the concert and fireworks at St Mary's College. Destination for 5 July is TBD. Jerry Taylor (*Piper*) will fill in as the Cruise Leader due to a schedule conflict for Carl and Martha Kemp (*Serenity*). Contact Jerry at jerry@jerrytaylorhomes.com, or (410)-474-6834 (C) for more details or to let him know you are cruising.

12 - 13 July VC Cup Race/Cruise: Join this informal fun race/cruise up the Patuxent and back on Saturday 12 July. A post race/cruise raft up for all SMSA members will be somewhere (TBD) in the vicinity of Solomons. Spend the night at anchor if desired. See the race circular for race details. Contact cruise leader Jerry Taylor (*Piper*) at jerry@jerrytaylorhomes.com, or (410)-474-6834 (C), for cruise or raft-up details.

25 - 27 July Where the Wind Blows: Cruise leaders Rich & Patty Freeman (*Patty K*) will lead us to an exotic location based on the weather. Contact Rich at teknikr2004@yahoo.com, or (703)-919-0018 (C) for details.

Plan Ahead: RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED. 2 - 10 August Chestertown Cruise: This cruise will work its way north to Chestertown and includes a stop at Tilghman-on-Chesapeake on the way back. If you think you might do this cruise, it is strongly recommended that you make your slip reservations now for the Chestertown Marina (410)-778-3616, and at Tilghman-on-Chesapeake (410)-886-2389. Let them know that you are traveling with the SMSA group. Contact cruise leader Jerry Taylor (*Piper*) at jerry@jerrytaylorhomes.com, or (410)-474-6834 (C) for details.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS
Calvert Artists' Guild
Annual July Show

CALVERT ARTS GUILD IS BACK

Calling all artist lovers to mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, 2014 for the annual Southern Maryland July Art show at SMSA Clubhouse in Solomons. All CAG artists are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit, and sell their art. This is CAG's second show at SMSA.

Said CAG President Lonnie Harkins: "The May award show was quite a success. The SMSA folks were extremely helpful and accommodating. There was lots of room and the bar was even open on Sunday! "



TRAINING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

First Aid / CPR

Saturday August 9th
SMSA clubhouse
8am -12pm.

\$55.00 per person

Wilderness First Aid

(Off-shore sailing
advanced First Aid)

September 13-September 14th
SMSA clubhouse
starting at 8am.

\$190 per person

PLEASE CONTACT TODD PORTER

Training and Education Chair

(portertodda@gmail.com)

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING EITHER CLASS

"We clear the harbor and the wind catches her sails and my beautiful ship leans over ever so gracefully, and her elegant bow cuts cleanly into the increasing chop of the waves. I take a deep breath and my chest expands and my heart starts thumping so strongly I fear the others might see it beat through the cloth of my jacket. *I face the wind and my lips peel back from my teeth in a grin of pure joy.*"

— L.A. Meyer, *Under the Jolly Roger: Being an Account of the Further Nautical Adventures of Jacky Faber*



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Solomons, Maryland

Call 301-862-3100

Or email chairman@screwpile.net

For more information



SCOTT KIRBY TICKETS NOW ON SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th at 4:00 PM

This marks the *seventh year in a row* the singer songwriter has come to Solomons to grace our SMSA stage. *Every show has sold out.* This one will be no exception.

See *Lisa Flaherty, L.G. Raley* or *Tim Flaherty* to **buy tickets** with an old-fashioned check!

You may also mail a check to:
SMSA/Scott Kirby,
PO Box 262,
Solomons, MD 20688.

Log onto **SMSA.com** to buy your tickets via PayPal.

Tickets are **\$12 for members** and **\$20 for non-member guests**
(No tickets...We will put your name on a list at the box office)



SMALL BOATS AND TALL SHIPS

MEGAN HILDENBERGER

June 21, 2014

The first day of Summer (June 21st) was a wonderful day to hold our smallboat Spring Invitational. The weather was surprisingly warm and dry given the thickly clouded sky, the amount of breeze was just right, and the four visiting Tall Ships made a beautifully surreal backdrop for our event on the Patuxent River.



To the combination of ebbing tide and Easterly winds led to slightly choppy conditions most of the morning. Despite the winds shifting from East to North and back later in the afternoon, RC still managed to get off six races for all three fleets. Three out-of-town Buccaneers brought that fleet to 6, while the Laser and Portsmouth fleets were slightly smaller (4 and 3 boats, respectively).



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Though we wish the turnout was a little better, all competitors seemed to enjoy themselves.

And the parading *Kalmar Nyckel*, *Pride of Baltimore II*, *The Dove*, and *Sultana*, simply added to the enjoyment.

Big thanks to Race Committee volunteers (both on and off-shore)!

SMSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2014		
2	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
		6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
3	THUR	<i>Independence Cruise</i>
4	FRI	4:00 4th of July at the Clubhouse <i>Independence Cruise</i>
5	SAT	<i>Independence Cruise</i>
6	SUN	<i>Stars and Stripes Race</i> <i>Independence Cruise</i>
9	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
10	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
11	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour
12	SAT	10:00 CAG Art Show Vice Commodore Race/ Cruise
13	SUN	10:00 CAG Art Show Vice Commodore Race/ Cruise
16	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
17	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
18	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Screwpile Race</i>
19	SAT	<i>Screwpile Race</i>
20	SUN	CLEW INPUT DUE <i>Screwpile Race</i>
23	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
24	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
25	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Where the Wind Blows Cruise</i>
26	SAT	<i>Where the Wind Blows Cruise</i>
27	SUN	<i>Where the Wind Blows Cruise</i>
28	MON	7:00 Chair Meeting
30	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
31	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series

AUGUST 2014		
		5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
1	FRI	
2	SAT	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
3	SUN	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
4	MON	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
5	TUES	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
6	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
7	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
8	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
9	SAT	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
10	SUN	4:00 Scott Kirby Concert <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
13	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
14	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
15	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Commodore's Dinner</i>
16	SAT	Mixed Couples Race Cruise to Battle Creek
17	SUN	Mixed Couples Race Cruise to Battle Creek
20	WED	CLEW INPUT DUE 6:30 Keelboat Race Series
21	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
22	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour 5:00 <i>Warrior Fun Run & Regatta</i> <i>packet pickup</i>
23	SAT	10:00 Habitat Warrior Boat Parade and Regatta 4:00 <i>Awards Reception for Warrior</i> <i>Fun Run and Regatta</i>
25	MON	7:00 Chair Meeting
27	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
28	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Sundown Series
29	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour
30	SAT	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
31	SUN	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>



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