



The Commodore's Corner

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2015

Now that the sailing season is over for most of us, time to turn our attention to the Holidays!

SMSA is again taking part in the Solomons Christmas Walk the first weekend of December. On Friday night, we are hosting our annual Christmas Open House during our usual Happy Hour. We will have free toy boat kits for the first 100 kids to come through the door with their parents, and we will have a small pool set up for to sail the boats after they are constructed and painted. We usually get a visit from Santa Claus after he lights the tree in the boardwalk gazebo. Cider and Christmas cookies will be free to all. This is a popular event that sees many people come through the door at SMSA. Please come out Friday from 5:30 – 9:00pm and help greet our visitors.

On Saturday night, December 5th, we will have our members pot-luck Christmas Party starting at 6pm. We will have front row seats for the Lighted Boat Parade as it comes up the Patuxent River. Members are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Want to show off your culinary skills? Bring a main dish as well. The Social Committee will provide either a turkey or a ham.

I said the sailing season is over "for most of us." "Most of Us " does not include members of the Buccaneer 18 Class. On Saturday, December 12th, Bucc sailors will again hold the "Freeze Your Bucc Off" regatta and party at SMSA. This is a fun regatta and depending on the weather, more time may be spent at the bar than on the water. The clubhouse bar will be open to all during the latter half of the afternoon. Come by either to participate or just watch the craziness! Contact **Jimmy Yurko** at rearcommodore@SMSA.com for more information.

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Todd and Jennifer Porter are chairing the New Year's Eve Party at SMSA on December 31st. Look for info about that in this issue of *The Clew*.

When he convenes the January 10th BOD meeting, **Jim Keen** will officially become Commodore of SMSA. Many thanks to Jim for coming forward to accept the nomination as our organization's new chief executive.

As I end my two year run as your Commodore, I have many people to thank.

While space will not allow me to adequately recognize everyone, I will call out a few names in this column:

Kristi Yurko has got to be the most organized person I have ever met and when SMSA has had a need or a hole to fill, she jumped in to take care of it.

Jim Whited , as treasurer, has ably served us all very well.

Our friend **Jolie Homsher** has done an incredible job of taking care of the building and the yard.

Jimmy Yurko has done his usual outstanding job of providing extra boats for the membership to use, and remains our biggest cheerleader and ambassador.

Eddie Sierra kept our kids camp afloat during a trying summer.

Bar Manager **Scott Roland** took the bar to new heights this year, and our race and cruise chairs kept our on water programs vibrant and healthy.

There are a bunch more, and you know who you are. Thanks so much for your time and efforts on behalf of SMSA.

Happy Holidays!

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2015 Annual Banquet

Saturday, February 6th, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn, Solomons, MD



Featuring Live Music by Coastline!

Questions? Email social@smsa.com

**Annual
End of
season
Halloween
Raft up.**

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Freeze Your Bucc Off!

Dec 12, 2015

First Signal: Noon at the SMSA dock

This is the Last Buccaneer Race of 2015!

I can't explain why so many people join us each year, maybe they are risk takers, maybe they just like to have fun.

No matter how you shake it, they're coming, and you can too!

Interested? Email: jimmydyurko@gmail.com



Join the Ocean Research Project team as a FISH FINDER and do your part to better our understanding of marine biodiversity across the Eastern Seaboard and beyond!

Anybody going down the intercostal waterway this Fall or taking jumps to Florida and the Caribbean? Check out this program you can sign up for and sail for science as a citizen scientist cruiser.

Ocean Research Project is a non-profit 501(c)3 based out of Annapolis, Maryland, that sails extensively worldwide for science, education and exploration in order to encourage the sustainability of the oceans. Currently, they are recruiting citizen scientist cruisers over the next several months to help map out the migration of marine species. No one scientist can collect all the data necessary to gauge marine biodiversity loss and the changes in species behavior relative to emerging oceanic threats such as climate change, ocean acidification, and marine debris pollution. This crowdsourced data could really help advise natural resource fishery managers on sustainable management practices.

They are working with Smithsonian to share significant knowledge of marine species whereabouts internationally through the Ocean Tracking Network. Sail your boat on your own adventure. Just take a few notes while you are on anchor after lowering our fish detection equipment over the side. Fill out their online application now click by going to <http://oceanresearchproject.org/citizen-science/>

Can you imagine if every snowbird participated in the Fish Finder Program, how many fish finder detections could be made in one season? If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Trenholm at trenholm.orp@gmail.com

NEW SMSA MERCHANDISE IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



MERCHANDISE
AVAILABLE IN THE
CLUBHOUSE!
See your bartender for details!

CHRISTMAS AT SMSA

SMSA Clubhouse Holiday Decorating

Mon, Nov 30th 5:30pm

We can't do it without you!



Christmas Walk Open House

Fri, Dec 4th 5:00pm

Join us for cookies, hot chocolate and cider as well as boat building and racing for the kids.

Christmas Tree lighting will occur at the Solomons Boardwalk Gazebo.

Santa will arrive on a fire truck and visit SMSA!

SMSA Members' Christmas Party

Sat, Dec 5th, 6pm

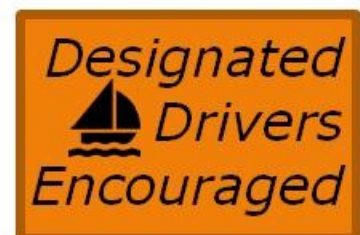
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Southern Maryland Sailing Association **New Year's Eve Party**



- ***SMSA Club House***
- ***8pm 'till they kick us out, Thursday
December 31st***
- **Music, Cash bar, Special Glow Drinks,
Dancing**
- **80's Movies and Videos**
- **Prize for best 80's Glow
(black, white or neon)**



CRUISE PLANNING MEETING HALLOWEEN RAFT UP

Cruising Corner

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As the formal cruising program ended with a festive raft-up in Mill Creek, the cruisers have turned their attention to some long range planning for next season. A cruise planning session was chaired by next year's Cruise Chairman, Jerry Taylor, after the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7. The initial draft schedule includes three extended cruise opportunities including a May cruise to the Norfolk/Portsmouth area; a June cruise to Philadelphia; and, a September cruise to the Washington DC area. Additionally, the schedule includes many weekend and other short cruise opportunities throughout the season. Watch for postings of the schedule details later this winter as things get firmed up in time for a fresh start in the spring. Contact incoming Cruise Chairman, Jerry Taylor, if you have any additional cruise input for consideration.

HALLOWEEN RAFT UP October 24, 2015 By Jerry Taylor

The annual Halloween Raft Up had a nice turnout with partly cloudy skies, temps in the 60's and seven boats. **PIPER** with grandsons Emerson and Wyatt arrived at 3:30 along with our good friend, "John the Scot," from Scotland on **CIARA**. The plan was to anchor in Mill Creek – Solomons between buoys 6 and 8, but after Piper made a run up the creek and no one was around, **CIARA** set the hook just off Joe Szymanski and Sandy Leitner's home. Carl and Martha Kemp soon arrived on **SERENITY**; followed by Les Griffith and Donna Maneely on **CLOUD 9**; Jeff Moore and Jolie Holmscher on **TERRAPIN**; Jimmy and Annabelle Yurko on **GIFT HORSE**; and, Vann Plummer single handed on **DOCTORS ORDER**. **TWICE AROUND** with Shawn and Laura Stanley circled the fleet calling out Halloween greetings before going to dinner at The Lighthouse.

The grandsons, in their Transformer costumes went off surveying all the boats. Everyone moved around checking out other boats as well. Most ended up on **PIPER** with the enclosure to get out of the moist air. We discussed and resolved most of the worlds' problems in short order. Jeff Moore decided to check out the bottom on **TERRAPIN** in his wet suit and then did an inspection of every boat with a report on the condition of their underside. Six year old Wyatt followed him from boat to boat watching him from the sterns and I had a hard time convincing him that he could not go swimming since the water was way tooo cold. He sat on the edge of the boat threatening to jump....thanks Jeff!

PIPER needed to head back around 7:30 and most followed suit as **CIARA** got the muddy anchor up in the dark. Clouds and no moon made it a very dark evening for everyone returning to their slips, but it was a great late season event to wrap up the 2015 cruising season.

FOR SALE

'PIPER'

**2008 Catalina 320 MKII,
Sail #1128**

Piper is a great bay boat for a cruising couple and a competitive racer as well with a PHRF rating around 181. We are reluctantly selling her as we plan to spend 6-8 months a year cruising and need a bigger boat to carry more STUFF!

Piper spent her first three years on a fresh water lake. She is one of the last popular 320's built.



LOA 34'3", LOH 32'6", LWL 28'0", BEAM 11'9", DRAFT 4'4" wing keel. Yanmar 3 cylinder diesel, 29 HP with 1000 hours that is over powered and really pushes her. Fuel capacity 19 gallons, fresh water capacity 51 gallons, hot water heater 5 gallons, holding tank 20 gallons. Charles 30 amp battery charger (2014) and portable 850 watt inverter. Maxwell anchor windlass, 35# CQR with 75' chain, 150' rode and 22# Bruce claw anchor.

Light colored teak interior, cream colored soft leather cushions. The 'V' berth and aft cabin have 6" thick innerspring mattresses. 16,000 BTU factory installed air conditioning with reverse cycle heat. Corian counters, stainless steel refrigerator/freezer, microwave, 2 burner propane stove with oven and double sinks. Enclosed head with shower. Jensen Marine stereo with helm station remote. Bose cabin and cockpit wing seat speakers with Sirius subscription. Samsung 22" wall mounted TV with stern cable TV outlet. Raymarine ST60+ tridata, wind instrument and auto pilot. Garmin 541 chart plotter with Edson swivel. Horizon VHF with ram-mic at helm station. Lewmar 40" wrapped folding wheel. Lewmar 30 and 46 self-tailing winches. 150% genoa with Schaefer 2100 roller furling. Selden mast with main sail furler. West Marine 9 1/2' dinghy with lifting harness and 3.5 hp Mercury 4 stroke o/b. Rail mounted large size gas grill.

Zarcor companion doors with screens, teak cockpit table, white with gray piping cockpit cushions. Open walk through transom with swim ladder and hot/cold shower. Light gray colored dodger, bimini, connector, cover for dodger (2014) and full cockpit enclosure panels (2014). Two, 4D AGM batteries (fall 2014). 100 watt solar panel with MPPT controller to boost output up to 30% on a sunny day. All USCG safety equipment included along with Life Sling 2 and tube type radar reflector, emergency tiller, mast head lightning arrestor.

Can be seen at Washburn's Boat Yard.

Call Jerry Taylor at 410.474.6834 for more details. \$99,000.....will soon list with broker for 110k....

Merit 25 *Audrey* for sale

1984 Merit 25 for sale. Many upgrades and extras come along with the boat. I just don't have time to sail it anymore. Great boat for club racing or middle distance racing. Have lots more photos if interested.

- 2 stroke 4hp outboard
- Complete race sail inventory from Q and delivery main and jib. 9 sails total. Sails are in excellent shape, the new #1 has one regatta on it, the new #3 has been flown once for a daysail to check fitment
- Running rigging in good condition
- 80% of standing rigging replaced in the past 5 years
- Raymarine instruments
- Autohelm 800, not installed
- Fenders and covers, floor mat, cushions, gas can, winch handles, dock lines, canvas, spares, long board, fiberglass repair kits, bottom paint, nonskid paint, topside paint, flares, PFDs, charts, everything you could imagine, all included.
- Bottom has been faired, keel and rudder have been templated, barrier coat, vivid white bottom paint currently on boat.
- Fusion Stereo, fender covers, floor mats
- CBYRA high point winner 2011
- CBYRA high point 2nd place 2012
- PHRF distance series winner 2012

Sails alone worth more than \$10k asking \$6,000 obo. Boat is located at Southern Md Sailing Association. For more information please contact Trevor 703.283.2317 or email harnevyachtrigging@gmail.com



2016 Election Results

Southern Maryland Sailing Association

Commodore: **Jim Keen**

Vice Commodore: **Jim Whited**

Rear Commodore: **Rob Herbig**

Treasurer: **Kristi Yurko**

Secretary: **Cristin Schiffer**

BOD (3 Year terms): **Shawn Stanley, Jeff Moore**

Fri, Dec 04, 2015	5:00 PM	Christmas Walk Open House Happy Hour
Sat, Dec 05, 2015		SMSA Members Christmas Party
Fri, Dec 11, 2015	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Dec 12, 2015		Freeze your BUCC Off!
Fri, Dec 18, 2015	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sun, Dec 20, 2015		CLEW INPUTS DUE
Fri, Dec 25, 2015		MERRY CHRISTMAS
Thu, Dec 31, 2015		SMSA New Years Eve Party
Fri, Jan 01, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Fri, Jan 08, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Jan 09, 2016	6:00 PM	MOVIE NIGHT
Sun, Jan 10, 2016	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Fri, Jan 15, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sun, Jan 17, 2016		SMSA Ski Trip (to 1-22)
Wed, Jan 20, 2016		CLEW INPUTS DUE
Fri, Jan 22, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Fri, Jan 29, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour

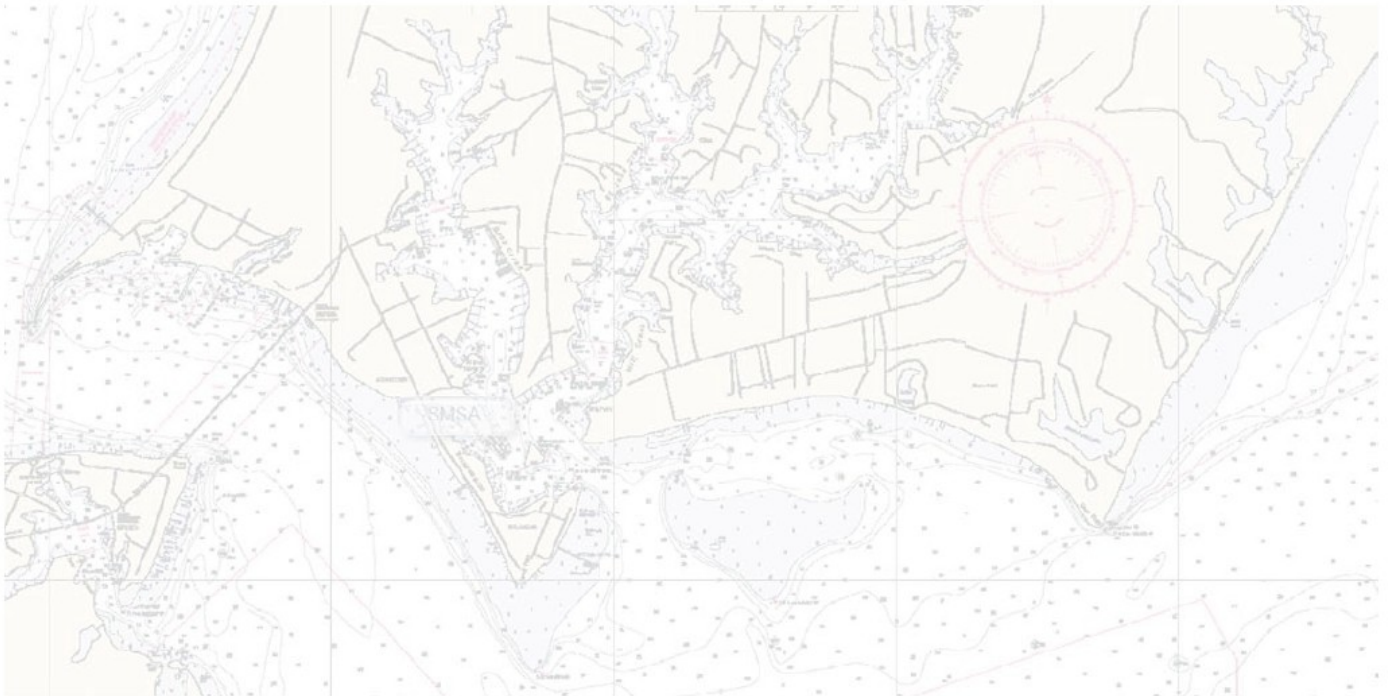
SMSA CALENDAR

December 2015—
January 2016

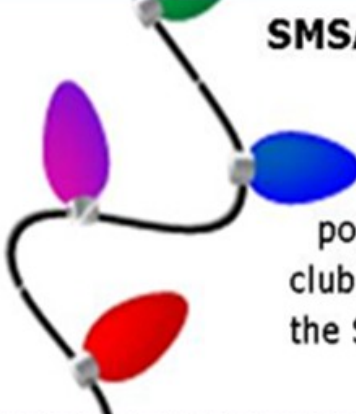


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