



The Commodore's Corner

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE APRIL 2016

The days are getting longer, crocuses are coming up, birds are chirping, and tree buds are starting to pop out. This means one thing to Chesapeake sailors... spring is finally here, and it's time to get the boat out of winter hibernation and get out there and do what we do. Of course, those who couldn't wait have already been out there participating in Frostbite Races for the better part of March. Before we know it, we'll be full-on into the racing and cruising seasons, and the snows of winter will be a distant memory.

I hope everyone is able to attend our Opening Day Brunch and Flag Raising on Saturday, April 9th. We will be celebrating SMSA's 45th year of operation. Clubhouse doors open at 1000 starting with the traditional Bloody Marys and Mimosas, brunch is served at 1030, and we will have the Flag Raising Ceremony at 1130. Please bring a brunch dish to share. 2016 club yearbooks and race circulars will be available for pick up.

SMSA certainly hasn't been dormant while waiting for spring to arrive. The clubhouse has been alive with activity throughout the winter months thanks to the Committee Chairs and their cast of volunteers. The many activities, in March alone, included: **Racing Rules Seminars, Race Management Seminar, Spinsheet Crew Listing Party presented by Miller Lite, Ping Pong Tournament, and The Kelly Terranova Comedy Show.**

Thanks to *Dan Trammell, Keith Jacobs, Les Griffith, Tim Flaherty, Barb Whited, Jean McDougall, and Hannah Schneider* for organizing and coordinating these events.

Please all welcome new members *Lloyd and Barbara Conley* and *Michael Danko*. Also, it's great to have back *John and Amy Diana McKinney* having re-joined SMSA. As a new member, *Lloyd Conley* wasted no time in becoming active. The new table tops in the clubhouse are thanks to *Lloyd* who negotiated with a local Solomons restaurant that was renovating their dining room. *Lloyd* personally installed the new, solid-wood tabletops in our front room. *Thank you, Lloyd.*

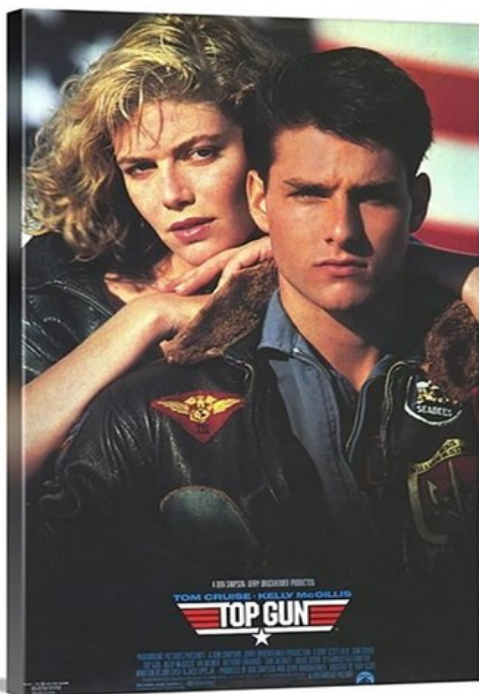
Thanks again to the many volunteers, Committee Chairs, Directors, and Officers who all do so many things to make the wheels turn and keep the cogs synchronized in planning, organizing, and executing the many activities that we members of SMSA enjoy. In my short time as Commodore, I have been very impressed with the energy and commitment that is exhibited in the club.

Hope to see you all on opening day as we officially kick off the sailing season in Solomons. Let the season begin!

Jim Keen

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SMSA Movie Night

Saturday, April 2nd

Pre-Flight at 1800 (6 PM)

Movie Launch at 1930 (7:30 PM)

TOP GUN

Movie's 30th Anniversary

Pot Luck at 1830 (6:30)

Bring Rations

Saturday, April 2nd: Club Clean-Up Day from 9am until 1pm, or until finished. Need volunteers please! Tasks include both indoor and outdoor projects (not just cleaning)- there should be a job for everyone! Plan to wear work clothes. Please e-mail Jolie at facility@smsa.com if you can help.

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FOR OUR
45TH OPENING DAY
CELEBRATION



APRIL 9, 2016
SMSA CLUBHOUSE



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00	<i>DOORS OPEN</i>
10:30	<i>BRUNCH</i>
11:30	<i>OPENING DAY CEREMONY RAISING OF THE FLAG</i>

COME AND JOIN US FOR
MIMOSAS, BLOODY MARYS
AND BRUNCH!

**BRING A DISH
TO SHARE!**

SMSA YEARBOOKS AND
RACE CIRCULARS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.

CRUISERS CORNER

JERRY TAYLOR



SOUTHERN MARYLAND SAILING ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2016

TIME TO GO CRUISING!

Our opening day cruise is on April 16th to Rollins Cove on St. Leonard's Creek. We do not have a cruise leader, so the first one to anchor gets the honor of being the cruise leader, so hurry up and get there!!

Our next overnighter is to Mill Creek (St. Mary's) on April 30th with Dave and Lois Zonderman on Walkabout as cruise leaders.

The first long cruise of the season is to Portsmouth/Cape Charles, Va. leaving on May 21st and returning on May 30th. Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel on Patty K Too are our cruise leaders for the ten day cruise.

Marina contact information for the Portsmouth/Cape Charles cruise:

May 24, 25, 26: Tidewater Yacht Marina (Portsmouth, Va.) - 757.397.2092

May 27: City of Cape Charles, Va. Marina - 757.331.2357

May 28: Chesapeake Boat Basin (Indian Creek, Va.) - 804.436.1234

Let the dock master know that you are with the SMSA group so they can try to keep us close together. Please let the cruise chairman know of your reservations so we know how many boats to expect.

The details for each cruise are on our website under the Cruise tab.

Looking forward to another great season!

Jerry Taylor
SMSA Cruise Chair
410-474-6834

Sunset at Cape Charles, Va., From
2015 Yorktown, Va. cruise



Restored Oyster Buy Boat
Georgie E at Cape Charles

"We love coming here! You have a great club!"

Fourth annual SpinSheet Crew Listing Party (sponsored by Miller Lite) a success

SpinSheet editor *Molly Winans* and publisher *Mary Ewenson* were both beaming as they mingled with SMSA sailors and guests during the fourth annual **SpinSheet Crew Listing Party presented by Miller Lite** on March 19th. They had reason to, as a free dinner and enthusiastic sailors helped brighten a gloomy and cold afternoon.

SpinSheet Magazine originated the idea of crew listing parties in this region when they began hosting the first parties in Annapolis nearly 20 years ago. The idea is simple: Sailors without boats show up and meet sailors *with* boat who need crew. Over the years such enticements as free beer or free food have helped, but the lure of spring and visions of sailboats have always buoyed the crowd.

Alan Horowitz drove down to Solomons from Baltimore just to attend our Crew Listing. "I want to go sailing as much as possible," he said, "and I don't mind driving down for good sailing." *Horowitz*, a native New Yorker who has done most of his sailing on Long Island Sound, said he was impressed with SMSA and Solomons. "This is a very neat place. Friendly people, and I can't wait to try it out on the water here."

Horowitz brought his own calling cards to hand to prospective skippers and fellow crew, but most attendees relied on SpinSheet name tags and good old paper and pencil to record contacts. About half of the 45 or so attendees were crew looking for boats. About a dozen skippers circulated the front room. The rest of the party goers were there for the good time and just to talk sailing.

Molly Winans moderated a sailing panel that included SMSA members *Eddie Sierra*, *Scott Roland*, *Max Munger*, and *Sarah Southworth*. The panel answered guests' questions such as: "Do I bring my own food on a boat?" to "What shoes do I wear on a boat?" There was also an informative discussion on different types of life jackets.

SMSA members *John Auman* and *Donna Maneely* headed-up serving the sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs made possible by our sponsors. *Les Griffith* helped out at the door. The event was sponsored **by SMSA, SpinSheet Magazine and Buck Distributing of Upper Marlboro**. *Tim Flaherty*, Member Chair, SMSA was the chairman.



Tim Flaherty
SMSA Membership Chair
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*Molly Winans moderates a sailing panel at the Fourth annual Spinsheet Crew Listing Party (sponsored by Miller Lite). Panel members included SMSA members **Eddie Sierra, Scott Roland, Max Munger, and Sarah Southworth.** PHOTO BY MEGAN HILDENBERGER*



At the last BOD meeting, the Directors agreed to sell the club's five extra Optis. These are not in the best of shape but the hulls are sound. The Club would like to solicit interest from club members first. We do not have specific prices in mind ... but will entertain any offers from Club members prior to putting them on the market. If you are interested in making an offer on one or more of the boats, email Jim Whited at vicecommodore@smsa.com.



The Training Corner

Les Griffith, Training Chair



We completed a couple of training seminars in March. First we had the Race Rules Seminars presented by *Dan Trammel*. These seminars were held over two Sunday afternoons immediately following the Spring Frostbite Races. The seminars were well attended and gave everyone a chance to brush up on the finer details of the rules.

Dan took the time to answer questions and offer opinions on various situations that occur on the race course. This was a great way to get our head back into the race program after a long winter. Our second seminar was a Race Management Seminar presented by *Keith Jacobs* at the Holiday Inn. Our thanks go out to *L.G. Raley* and the Holiday Inn for making the space available on very short notice. The Race Management Seminar covered every aspect of running a race as Race Committee, setting a proper line, shortening and changing a course, missing marks, signaling, and much more. *Keith's* interactive presentation gave the attendees a great opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of what is happening on the RC Boat and why.

A big "Thank You" goes out to *Dan* and *Keith* for taking their time to develop the seminars and present them to SMSA. They offered a unique opportunity for club members to gain a deeper understanding on another aspect of racing.

In April we are hosting a CPR/First Aid class presented by *Rebecca Humpal*. Attendees will receive an American Heart Association (AHA) Certificate which is the same training that First Responders receive. The class will be held on 10 April 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM and will last about 8 hours plus a break for lunch. We must have a minimum of 6 participants and up to 12 members in the class, we currently have 9 members who have expressed an interest. Pre-payment of the \$50.00 fee is requested to ensure we know that we will meet our minimum class size. Please mail your check to SMSA, PO Box 262, Solomons, Maryland 20688 and e-mail training@SMSA.com so that I can reserve your spot. Get your checks in so that we can ensure you have an opportunity to attend this valuable training.

In the works: I am in communication with *Jim Black* from the *Dee of St Mary's* who will arrange for a talk on the famous skipjack including a tour of the vessel. Stay tuned for details.

Les Griffith
Training Chair
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Fri, Apr 01, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 02, 2016	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Clubhouse Clean Up Day SMSA Movie Night: TOP GUN
Sun, Apr 03, 2016	1:00 PM	Spring Frostbite Series
Tue, Apr 05, 2016	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Fri, Apr 08, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 09, 2016		SMSA Opening Day
Sun, Apr 10, 2016	9:00 AM	First Aid Class at SMSA
Wed, Apr 13, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Fri, Apr 15, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 16, 2016		SMSA Season Opener Cruise (to 4-17)
Wed, Apr 20, 2016		CLEW INPUT DUE
Wed, Apr 20, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Fri, Apr 22, 2016	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodore's Dinner
Sat, Apr 23, 2016		SMSA Distance Race #1
Sun, Apr 24, 2016		SMSA Spring Invitational
Wed, Apr 27, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Apr 28, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, Apr 29, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 30, 2016		SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
Sun, May 01, 2016		SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
Wed, May 04, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 05, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 06, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Mon, May 09, 2016	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Wed, May 11, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 12, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 13, 2016	5:30 PM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Happy Hour
Sat, May 14, 2016	10:00 AM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Double Handed Race
Sun, May 15, 2016	12:45 PM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Frost-Goode Race
Wed, May 18, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 19, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 20, 2016	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodores Dinner
Fri, May 20, 2016		CLEW INPUT DUE
Sat, May 21, 2016		Portsmouth Cruise South (Till 5/30)
Sun, May 22, 2016		Dee of St Marys Presentation
Wed, May 25, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 26, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 27, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour

SMSA CALENDAR

April 2016 —
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