



The Commodore's Corner

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Onset of Autumn... The Promise of Good Sailing Breeze

It's always sad to see winter covers going on the swimming pools, leaves starting to turn, Geese heading south, and the days getting shorter. But on the other hand, the arrival of the fall season is very positive also... among others, the Annapolis Boat Show, the Thanksgiving Holiday, and **good sailing breeze**. And, we certainly have lots of SMSA activities in October... Commodore's Dinner (German Cuisine) (13th), Clubhouse Project Day (14th), Tilghman Island /Cambridge/LaTrappe Creek Cruise (20th-25th), Hooper/Pt-No-Pt Race (21st), Fall Invitational Race (22nd), Halloween Raft Up at Solomons' Mill Creek (27th-28th), Buctoberfest (28th), Chili Cook-off/Oyster Scald (28th), and Happy Hour at the clubhouse every Friday. And while all that's going on there's High School Sailing Team practice every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. A little something for everyone!

Again, Clubhouse Project Day is on Saturday, October 14th. Our Facility Manager, Jolie Homsher, will surely have a multi-page list of project and clean-up tasks to be accomplished. So, please join in with the many other volunteers who put on their work clothes for the morning and help us freshen up our clubhouse.

New membership fee billing method... At the September Board of Directors' meeting, we voted to investigate modifying our billing method for collecting annual dues. Instead of the one-time dues payment in Jan/Feb, we are looking to transition to a monthly billing cycle for membership fees. The payments for race and slip fees would remain one time payments. Members would still have the option of paying the annual dues in one payment. The transition would take place by the end of this year. More details to follow.

Please note... all Members are reminded to please not park in Berkshire Hathaway Realty's four parking spaces out front, as well as to keep the driveway on the left side of our clubhouse clear of vehicles and stationary boats/trailers. Our neighbors should always have clear access to their four parking spaces on the left side behind their building, along with a clear path to their basement garage. Let's all please do our part in being good neighbors.

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COMMODORE LETTER (CONT)

Our Annual Business Meeting, election of Officers/Directors and Potluck Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Doors open at 0900 for Bloody Mary's, brunch at 0930, with meeting at 1030. We'll tally the Officer and BOD election votes and overview the previous year's business. As per our bi-laws, members will receive election ballots by October 20th. Nominations for Officer and Director positions should be sent to our immediate past Commodore, Tim Flaherty and the Nomination Committee at election@smsa.com, by no later than 5 PM on October 12th (see page 9). So, even though the earlier sunsets indicate winter is coming, we still have plenty of activity at SMSA. Hope to see you on the water and around the clubhouse.

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THE SOCIAL SCENE
WITH JODY KEEN

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September flew by with a couple of social events at the clubhouse. The week of September 18th brought thirty or so Plein Air artists to Solomons. On Wednesday, September 20th SMSA hosted the Quick draw competition. That evening we packed the clubhouse with artists, patrons of the arts and racers. It was a fantastic event! The quality of work that these talented painters can produce in a two hour time frame is amazing!

Later that week, on the 23rd, we held our Crab Feast in conjunction with the Two Day Small Boat Regatta. It proved to be an evening of great food and camaraderie with about 65 of us eating crabs and other great dishes. Many thanks to Kristi who ran point for the Crab Fest!

We have many upcoming events in October and November. The first Commodore's dinner will be held on October 13th. The theme is Octoberfest. Think German/Eastern European. On October 21st we will have our annual Chili Cookoff and Oyster Scald that is coupled with Bucctoiberfest. Bring your best chili recipe for judging (or another side dish), but definitely come out for this fun evening. The cook-off starts at 5pm and runs until...

******Please remember to put this on your calendar.******

The annual meeting/brunch is on November 4th

Many thanks go out to all the members of the social committee for their hard work and commitment to the club!

CRUISERS CORNER



Jerry Taylor
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Hope all can attend the Tilghman Island Day/Cambridge cruise on Oct. 20 - 25. See Dennis Chandler's article (Page 4). He has some nice events planned. If slips are not available at Tilghman on the Chesapeake Marina, there are two other marinas in the area. Knapps Narrows Marina and Tilghman Island Marina on the East side of the island by the bridge are close to all activities. FYI - There is plenty of water going into Dogwood Harbor, the charts and chart plotters are incorrect.

Our last cruise/raft up of the season is the Halloween Cruise on Oct 27th and 28th to Mill Creek Solomons...costumes are mandatory! Happy hour starts at 4:00 on No Sched... to get boats without lights back home before dark. Please bring a snack to share.

See you on the water....

Jerry

CRISFIELD TO SALISBURY

Jerry Taylor

Safina (Dennis Chandler), **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith & Donna Maneely) and **No Sched...** (Jerry & Donna Taylor) departed Crisfield at 07:00 to catch the favorable current up Tangier Sound for the 42 nm trip. There was not a lot of wind and no one tried to sail. We passed the Skipjacks racing off Deal Island as has been the Labor Day tradition there for many years. Such a magnificent sight and hope this event will continue for a long time to come.

Going up the Wicomico River is like traveling a long and winding road. It is much like traversing the Intracoastal Waterway with all different types of scenery. Very narrow channel and having to pay close attention all the time. We arrived at the Port of Salisbury marina in seven hours. We all had dinner nearby overlooking the harbor. The next day we went exploring and learned about the Port of Salisbury.

We left at 0 dark 30 (6:30) to try and catch what was left of the outgoing current for the 50 nm trip home. We soon had to stop and wait for a tug with a couple of barges preparing to off load. We had some rain, sun, calm and wind along the way. We had good visibility going through the treacherous Hooper's Straits and the wind swung around out of the NW as a cold front approached which made for a rough ride across the bay. It was an adventuresome trip and I would highly recommend it again.

Tilghman Island/Cambridge Cruise

Dennis Chandler

October 20th – 25th, 2017

SMSA cruisers will be sailing to Tilghman Island on Friday, October 20, to help celebrate Tilghman Island Day. We will have a pot luck dinner at Tilghman on Chesapeake Marina club house at around 5:00. Please bring your favorite item to grill and a dish to share.

We will have dinner on the 21st at Chesapeake House Seafood restaurant. There will be lots of activities by watermen and others plus oysters galore.

Interested cruisers should make/confirm reservations for two nights (Oct. 20/21) at the Tilghman on the Chesapeake (TOC) marina by contacting Ron or Doug at [410-886-2389](tel:410-886-2389). Because slips are limited, please call early. Also, please let Dennis Chandler, cruise leader, know of your plans by email (chandlerdm@comcast.net) or phone ([443-624-1577](tel:443-624-1577)).

On Sunday, October 22, cruisers will sail the 18 miles in the Choptank River to the Cambridge Municipal Marina for two nights. There will be a schooner rendezvous there with a number of tall ships. Also, because Cambridge was a thoroughfare for the Underground Railroad before and during the Civil War, there is a new Harriet Tubman Visitor Center that is now open. If you plan to participate in this cruise, please let Dennis Chandler, cruise leader, know, plus indicate your boat specs as well as your interest in visiting the Harriet Tubman center, about a 10 minute drive, in order to arrange transportation.

The marina has asked for a roster of boats coming to facilitate arrangements. You may also contact Scott, the Dock Master, at [410-228-4031](tel:410-228-4031) or [410-330-8016](tel:410-330-8016) to confirm your slip reservations.

After two nights in Cambridge, cruisers may want to spend one night (Oct. 24) at anchor in La Trappe creek, about 10 miles from Cambridge. The following day (Oct. 25) cruisers will return to Solomons.

PATUXENT RIVER APPRECIATION DAYS 2017

The Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD) is a two-day celebration held annually in Solomons, Maryland. This year the event will be on October 7th and 8th, 2016. The Calvert County Board of Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, Pa-Po-Peake Shrine Club and various civic and fraternal organizations sponsor the event. The purpose of this celebration is to promote interest in the Patuxent River and to raise funds for the preservation of this valuable resource. This year, PRAD will focus on the environment of the Patuxent River. The highlight of PRAD takes place on Sunday the 8th: The PRAD parade, which steps off at 2:00 p.m. Participants include dignitaries, Shrine Units, the American Legion, local high school marching bands, ROTC, Boy & Girl Scouts, First Responders and various other groups.

SEE YOU AT PRAD 2017!

Crisfield Labor Day Cruise

Curt & Dottie Hamilton

Friday started out rather blustery, 15-20 out of the NE. After rounding Cedar Point it was all sail and fun to Crisfield. Even sailed through Kedges Straights, which is fairly unusual. That included **Safina** (Dennis Chandler), **Cloud 9** (Les Griffin & Donna Maneely), **No Sched...** (Jerry & Donna Taylor), and **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp).

Serenity Cat (Curt & Dottie) with their family went to Tangier Island for a couple of hours on the way to Crisfield. It is a favorite stop for the grandkids and they wanted to share it with the new extended family. As always, Capt' Parks was there to greet us with some of his tales. We had a chance to eat lunch and walk to the beach before it started raining and made it on to Crisfield by 5:30. All the other cruisers had raided the ice cream store, so we just had to go over to see if any was left. Fortunately, there was. Then it was time to settle in and wait for the rain to start in earnest.

Saturday was forecast with rain for the whole day. The parade and Crab Derby were canceled. The TV Travel channel did have a mock crab race for recording purposes. Some of the cruisers acted as spectators and had to sign a release in case they were seen on TV. Don't know when it will be shown. Rain was actually light and occasional, so we just wandered around and checked out the ice cream store again. At 2 pm Somers Marina held a dock party for anyone that wanted to come. They had wine, beer and snacks available. They also held a Trivia game, to liven things up. Our own Russ Miller won.



That evening we all went to Capt. Tyler's Crab House for dinner. As we were getting ready to leave, the heavens opened up and the rain that was forecast came down all at once. We waited for it to slow down and had to walk through ankle deep water to return to the boats.

Sunday was a beautiful day: church at the city dock, boat docking at the city dock in the afternoon, and crab-picking contest at the crab bowl. Then we all met at the picnic tables for a happy hour, or two, to discuss the day's events and plans for the morrow. Almost forgot, found time for ice cream.

Early Monday *Safina*, *Cloud 9*, and *No Sched...* headed for Salisbury, while *Serenity* and *Serenity Cat* headed back home. *Serenity Cat* sailed up the Tangier Sound to see the Skipjack races.

All in all it was a great weekend.

Vice Commodore's Cup Race/Rally

Jerry Taylor

The third annual VC Cup to Corinthian Yacht Club on Smith Creek was held on August 25 - 27. **Safina** (Dennis Chandler), **Ruste Nayle** (Rod Schroeder), **Kalypso** (Fred Siessinger) and **No Sched...** (Jerry & Donna Taylor with daughter Katie and her husband Ian) departed on Friday with a motor sail down the bay. We picked up favorable winds entering the Potomac and sailed to the entrance of Smith Creek. Dennis, Rod, Donna and I went by dinghy to Courtney's Restaurant for dinner while Katie and Ian went by car with friends Bill and Kelly Ward and baby Liam. The seafood at Courtney's does not get any fresher since everything is caught that day.

The next day Pat Schroeder drove down and we shuffled the car around for the guests. We spent the day relaxing at the pool and solving all the world's problems...once again! Jim and Jody Keen arrived with all the goodies (food/drinks) and the grill was fired up. Soon members started arriving and all reported having a great time with beautiful weather.

We all departed with 15-20 from the NE and Pt. Lookout lived up to her reputation once again. We all started sailing and tacked our way up to the mouth of the Patuxent. It was a great extended weekend and hopefully we will continue this tradition next year. Many thanks to Jim and Jody for all their help in putting this event together.



Safina, Ruste Nayle on T-head and No Sched...and Kalypso on inside

THE TRAINING CORNER



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Not much happening this month. Make sure you check out the flyer for the annual SMSA ski trip on the next page.

As always, if anyone has an idea they would like to see for a seminar please contact me with the subject and recommended presenter and I will look for a place on our club schedule to make it happen.

KEEL BOAT RACING



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Ahoy!

Wednesday racing will be behind us when the Clew goes to print. October has some enjoyable weekend races. Hooper Island /Point no Point is on Saturday the 21st and on Sunday the 22nd, the Fall Invitational. It is usually the most attended and freshest breeze Invitational. Plan on coming out.

Frostbite will be Sundays in November but standby for some possible add on racing to the calendar for those racers that haven't had enough or those that don't like the summer heat and enjoy the brisk fall weather. The air is clean and there is color on the shore so come out and enjoy the events and camaraderie!

Cheers
Mark Gyorgy



Returning to SMSA on November 10th is our Comedy Night with Kelly Terranova. This evening will feature Kelly as well as two comedians.

Emcee: Julie Fox - Julie was selected as a finalist on the reality TV show - "Funniest Mom in America."

Feature Act: Mark Matusof- One of the top comics to come out of Washington D.C., Mark has been described in the press as "funny without being vulgar or nasty" and "going the smarter, hipper direction to the joke."

Headliner: Kelly Terranova- Described by Joan Rivers as "The Funniest Comedian in His Price Range", Kelly Terranova is a natural storyteller combining a wicked sense of humor with infectious energy and a genuine, likable persona.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. Make sure to reserve your tickets on-line on the SMSA website or you can purchase them at the door.

An advertisement for a boat for sale. The background is a photograph of a white boat on a trailer. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, it says "FOR SALE". The main title is "89 Wahoo! 16.2 Striper Center Console". Below that, it lists features: "2011 Yamaha 4 Stroke, 70 HP O/B (very low hours)" and "New Fish Finder/Depth Sounder, 1996 trailer". The price is "\$7500 OBO". At the bottom, it says "Jim Keen 240 925 1173 williwaw66@hotmail.com".

SMSA SKI TRIP
Sunday River, Maine
Jan. 14 – Jan. 19, 2018
Non-Flyer \$670.00 per person
Flyer \$935.00* per person
Senior (65)/Junior (12) Discount \$20.00

*estimate based on airline cost, final cost may be adjusted at the time of airline reservation.
 Single occupancy is an additional \$249.00

Additional pricing is available for non-skier option or more than 2 people per room, contact trip leader for cost.

Includes

- Flight from BWI via Southwest Airlines (TBD)
- RT Ground transportation between Sunday River and Airport (gratuity included)
- Five nights at The Grand Summit Hotel
- Amenities: Pool, health club, Spa, Massage, camp
- 5 day lift ticket plus Sunday night arrival (4-8 pm) ticket (pending night ops schedule)
- 1 Group Lessons (additional lessons \$10.00/day advance reservations required)
- Discount Learn to Ski rates (first time skiers)
- Daily full breakfast buffet (gratuity included)
- Group Dinner (gratuity included) (details to follow)
- Pizza Party on Thursday

Due	Flyer	Non-Flyer
Deposit	\$200.00	\$160.00
1 st Payment 10/14/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
2 nd Payment 11/11/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
3 rd Payment 12/09/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
TOTAL:	\$935.00	\$670.00

All payments are fully refundable before 11/11/2017, 50% refundable before 12/31/2017, no refunds after 12/31/2017. If flying no refunds for airline tickets.

A **SECURITY DEPOSIT or credit card for each unit** is required on arrival by the resort. Charges will be incurred for unit damage, excessive cleaning, and/or unreturned keys. NOTE: Pets are not allowed on Sunday River properties.

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Ski and Sports Club and provide to the Trip Leader.
 A completed reservation form is **REQUIRED** for all participants.

Contact Les Griffith for Reservation form

Trip Leader:
 Lester Griffith
 43231 Cedarwood Ct.
 Leonardtown MD 20650
cell/text 240-434-6823
e-mail: lcgriffith@hotmail.com

CALL FOR OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:

The Immediate Past Commodore is collecting names of those being nominated or who wish to run for an SMSA elected office this fall. Officer positions include: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, two Director positions will be voted on. The Officer posts are one-year terms, while Directors serve three-year terms.

To be an eligible candidate for Commodore, the nominee must have previously served at least two years in an Officer position or as a committee chair. There are no prerequisites for the other open positions. All nominees must be SMSA members in good standing.

Nominations can be made in writing or via email to Tim Flaherty, Immediate Past Commodore, and the Nomination Committee at election@smsa.com or at PO Box 262, Solomons, MD. 20688.

Please look for an email confirmation before assuming you will be on the printed ballot.

Nominations, a short bio of previous SMSA activity and service, and a recent photo must be received and confirmed by the Nomination Committee no later than 5pm on October 12th, 2017.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SMSA is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Woody Payton from Lusby, MD;
Rae Turlington and family from Solomons, MD, and
Daniel and Katrina Tiedge from Oakton, VA to the club.

All our new members are interested in our social events and training opportunities. Woody is also interested in our racing programs and Rae and the Tiedges in our cruising opportunities, also in helping out with membership and facilities. Please extend a welcome to our newest members as you meet them at the club and participating in our events.

New Member Profiles:



Steve and Linda Kiser lived and worked in Ohio and sailed their first boat, an Island Packet 440, *Vivo*, on Lake Michigan. They retired in May 2016, moved onto their sailboat, and have been cruising since taking in the Great Lakes, Hudson River, and east coast as far as Charleston. And while they have seen us out racing, they are interested in our cruising program first, and look forward to sharing fun and good times with us.

Daniel and Katrina Tiedge currently sail a Hartley Wayfarer 16, and Daniel has sailed most of his life. Starting on a Prindle 16, he moved to sailing on various size keel boats from a Catalina 22 to a Pearson 53. He's also crewed offshore many times and they've chartered extensively, and both are interested in cruising with our SMSA cruisers.

Monday, October 02, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Thursday, November 02, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Tuesday, October 03, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, November 03, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Thursday, October 05, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Saturday, November 04, 2017	SMSA ANNUAL MEETING	10:00 AM
October 5th through October 9th	United States Sailboat Show		Sunday, November 05, 2017	FALL FROSTBITES	1:00 PM
Friday, October 06, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM	Monday, November 06, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Monday, October 09, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Tuesday, November 07, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Tuesday, October 10, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Thursday, November 09, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Thursday, October 12, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, November 10, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Friday, October 13, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM	Friday, November 10, 2017	KELLY TERRANOVA COMEDY NIGHT	NIGHT
	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM	Sunday, November 12, 2017	FALL FROSTBITES	1:00 PM
Saturday, October 14, 2017	Clubhouse Project Day	9:00 AM	Monday, November 13, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Monday, October 16, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Tuesday, November 14, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM	Thursday, November 16, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, November 17, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Thursday, October 19, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM		Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
	Private Party	4:00 PM	Saturday, November 18, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Program Finale	6:00 PM
October 20th through October 22nd	Cruise: Tilghman Island Days		Sunday, November 19, 2017	FALL FROSTBITES	1:00 PM
Friday, October 20, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM		CLEW INPUTS DUE	
Saturday, October 21, 2017	Hooper Island/Point No Point Race	10:00AM	Friday, November 24, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Sunday, October 22, 2017	Fall Invitational Race	1:00 PM	Sunday, November 26, 2017	FALL FROSTBITES	1:00 PM
October 23rd through October 25th	Cruise: Cambridge - LaTrappe Creek		SMSA CALENDAR		
Monday, October 23, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	OCTOBER - NOVEMBER		
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	2017		
Thursday, October 26, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM			
October 27th through October 28th	Cruise: Halloween Raft up (Mill Creek)				
Friday, October 27, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM			
Saturday, October 28, 2017	Bucctober Fest	10:00 AM			
	Chili Cook-Off/Oyster Scald	4:00 PM			
Monday, October 30, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM			
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM			



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NOW!**

**Kelly
Terranova**

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Joan Rivers

Friday, November 10
at the clubhouse.
Buy your tickets at SMSA.COM or
at the door.