



The Commodore's Corner

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Winter is almost over! So that means that we will be able to get back on the water very soon. Traditionally March is the month to get busy in the boat yard doing all those chores that you have been putting off. Hopefully, more than a few of you will be done in time for the first Frostbite on March 11th. I know that Bad Cat will launch the week before and we are itching to get back on the water. The club RC boat will also be in the water by March 1st so we can put out race marks and hopefully start the first race of the season from the RC boat.

High School Sailing will begin on March 13th. The team will be prepping for their first regatta, and we are looking forward to seeing our sailors fly the burgee in competition. See the Junior article below for plans/needs/volunteer opportunities. If you have the time and energy you will find that it is a very rewarding experience.

Some of you may have already heard that Skip Zahniser has sold Zs. The New owner will be Safe Harbors Marina (shmarinas.com). They are a very large operation and are dedicated to the marina business. The sale will not close until early March. The guidance we are being given at this time is that we should not see any substantial changes in the club's relationship with the marina. The name will not change so we can still refer to our favorite Wednesday night hangout as Zs. One big change may be to see Skip sailing more; he says he may be interested in a sailboat to go with his fishing boat.

For our Commodore's Dinner on March 16th, we will have a special treat. Dr. Helen Bailey from the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory will give a presentation on the Chesapeake Dolphin Watch program. This program is studying bottlenose dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay. They have developed an online application for tracking and reporting dolphin sightings. I think our members (and guests) will find this to be an interesting program.

The Calvert Artist Guild will be holding their Spring show at the club on March 24th and 25th. They will be setting up on Friday afternoon, so the art will be on display for our Friday night social. In the past this has been a very interesting addition to our club calendar.

Opening Day this year will be April 14th and the club project day (aka, cleanup day) will be April 7th. You will hear more about these major events on the club calendar soon. I hope you will all mark your calendars and attend/volunteer. The Facility team has a long list of projects they would like to attack each year and this year is no exception.

We are also expecting a few new boats for this season. Past Commodore Jim Keen's new boat should arrive shortly, and perhaps there will be a commissioning party.

If you have not updated your membership information, please do so as soon as possible, click on the yellow "Yearbook Data Update" button on the home page. If you do not have your update id number, send Kristi Yurko at treasurer@smsa.com or me at commodore@smsa.com a note and we will resend the number.

**Jim Whited,
SMSA Commodore**

The Passing of Herb Reese



It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of long-time SMSA member, Herb Reese. Herb passed away suddenly on February 15th, 2018. For the sport of sailing we all love, his immense contribution cannot be understated. He was a sailor's sailor and was involved in all things boating. Herb enjoyed his Shannon sailboat, Arabesque, and just loved to sail. Herb was very active in SMSA for many years, including playing a major role in the renovation of our clubhouse when we moved in 2006. Although no longer a member, Herb had maintained many close friendships within SMSA. Lots of us can fondly remember listening to Herb's sea stories while sharing a rum drink.

Herb dedicated a significant amount of time and was an integral part of our Screwpile Regatta, working behind the scenes to ensure all race committee boats, race management gear, and personnel were properly arranged for each regatta over the last 25 years. He helped run numerous high school regattas and was always excited to see the young sailors rising in the sport.

He leaves behind his son Terry and wife Karen, and their son Aubrey; his son Herb Jr. and wife Lori, and their children Rachel and Jake; as well as 3 of Herb's brothers.

Fair winds and following seas to our great friend Herb.



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH DODGE AND KEEN

Betsy Dodge and Jody Keen, co-chairs
social@smsa.com



As I write this, the weather has hit the 70 degree mark for the first time this year and it looks like this thaw may actually last! Can we finally pull our de-icers out of the water for good? Our sailing season will start heating up as well, bringing lots of boatyard work and a rush to get on the water as soon as possible.

After a hard day working on the boat, consider stopping by the clubhouse on Friday evenings to relax and swap stories. Also, don't forget the Commodore's dinner on March 16. There's always plenty of food and this month we will have a guest speaker.

Mark your calendar for Opening Day on April 14. This is always a great way to kick off the new season with a delicious pot-luck brunch. The Social Committee has started meeting to plan the 2018 schedule. We've got a wonderful group of people who are looking forward to providing enjoyable events throughout the year.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events please contact social@smsa.com!

FROM THE BAR MANAGER

Thanks to SMSA members providing requests for favorite beverages to order. The Bar Manager strives to meet requests, understanding certain items may be out of stock or not provided by our distributors.

In the event a request can't be met, the Bar Manager will contact you on possible alternatives, so keep the feedback coming!
The bar is here for you. Barmanager@SMSA.com

Boat Name Drinks - so far the 'Bad Cat' drink special, a special type of rum and coke, is revving up for the Winter Frostbites, with Cloud 9 'on deck' working up a favorite mixology.

So far, Bad Cat is '5' and the rest of the field '0'. Don't let Bad Cat run the field, provide your favorite Boat Name Drink mixology to the Bar Manager now - and let the competition commence! And yes - a drink trophy will be presented at the end of the season!

Boat Name Drinks ordered by the crew/captain at the bar wearing their boat name logo receive a 10% discount!

Please provide Boat Name Drink inputs - to Barmanager@SMSA.com

WANTED – USED OPTIMISTS

Do you have an Opti in reasonable condition stored around your garage or back yard? Does your crew, friend, or neighbor???

**The SMSA Junior program needs 2 more Optis
– we can accept donations or make a purchase
–Contact junior@smsa.com or Barbara Whited**

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Barbara Whited

Junior@SMSA.com

SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT IS OPEN! At smsa.com click on Junior Camp. June 11 – Aug. 17. Ages 6-16

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAMS SPRING SESSION BEGINS MARCH 13. Parent/Sailor Info night is March 8 from 6 – 9pm. The HS program has joined the Interscholastic Sailing Association and it's Maryland division: MDISA. We are registered for three(3) MDISA regattas and wait listed for two(2) regattas. So we will be introducing our sailors to the regatta circuit and hoping they will have a lot of fun with other schools in the competitions. The Patuxent High Team has designed T-shirts, sweatshirts and burgees to advertise their identity. You are urged to purchase shirts to support the team and SMSA's future sailors.

BOATS ADDED TO OUR FLEETS! AND LOOKING FOR MORE! We have recently added 3 more Optis and 4 more Club 420s to our junior fleets. We need 2 more Optis, so if you have an Opti decorating your back yard or know someone who does, we are in the market for 2 more used Optis with rigging – we can always get them sails.

PROJECTS TO DO – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We need volunteers for projects in the boat yard to enable us to store/rack our school boats, especially as we expand the fleet. Only so many of our boats will fit in the junior room, so we are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with some simple, but needed, construction for boat racks, etc. If you would like to HELP, please send a note to junior@smsa.com or let Barbara Whited know that you are available to assist.

JUNIOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE. It is very exciting to see our sailing school program growing – but it also means we need some volunteers to help with the administration of the program - being the apparel maven, helping communicate/organize for regattas, keeping parents informed, helping with publicity and event coordination, collecting content for our web pages, etc. So, we'd be thrilled to hear from any of you that have an interest in joining the one-armed paper hanger currently chasing all this – with the fabulous help of Jimmy, Kristi, Marilyn Martin and others. Let us know at junior@smsa.com or contact Barbara Whited.

OPENINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

WHEN

**Mon, Tues, Thurs
3:30pm – 6:30pm**

**[Optional: Racing on Selected Weekends
against other HS teams]**

WHERE

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
14490 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons, MD**

PARENT/STUDENT INFO NIGHT OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, March 8, 2018
6pm – 9pm**

**PHOTOS AND INFO AT SMSA.COM
CLICK ON HIGH SCHOOL SAILING
PROGRAM**

**LEARN TO SAIL
FOR FUN OR TO
COMPETE**



SPRING SEASON

Practice

M, T, Th 3:30 – 6:30pm

**At SMSA Clubhouse
in Solomons**

10 week season/\$330

Starts March 13, 2018

SEASON FEE INCLUDES:

Use of Club 420 Sailboats

Coaching/Safety Boats

Sailing/Racing Instruction

**Thursday Night Small Boat
Racing (Optional)**

**Racing w. other High School
teams**

CRUISERS CORNER



CARL KEMP

CRUISE PROGRAMS
CRUISE@SMSA.COM

The 2018 Cruise Schedule has been finalized and is available on the SMSA website under the Cruise tab.

Thanks to all the cruise leaders for the time and effort spent on planning the cruises.

Fifteen cruises totaling over 1400 nautical miles are scheduled for this year. The cruises range from six two-day trips, of various distances and destinations, to a thirteen-day cruise to Philadelphia and the northern bay.

Two cruises incorporate races: the Mixed Couple Race to Battle Creek and the Vice Commodore's Cup Race to Herrington Harbor. Anyone interested in cruising should be able to find a cruise on the schedule that fits their needs.

In addition to the schedule, there is a wealth of information and pictures of previous cruises in the Cruise section and if you want to find out more about our cruising program take the time to take a look.

SMSA Opening Day is only a month away. Soon boats will be back in the water. What a great time of year.

THINK CRUISING

WANTED:

I am looking for an older inflatable (in the 10ft range) with a small outboard motor (8 to 10HP), that Tracy and I could purchase and use as a tender for our 30ft sail boat that we have purchased and plan to have based in Solomons over the summer. We are looking at something in the \$2,000 dollar range...

If anyone has a package or separate tender and / or engine in this price range, I would appreciate it if they could contact me at the supplied address:

kevin.p.mulvihill@dom.com or kevin1mulvihill@yahoo.com, and see if we can acquire a tender.

Kevin Mulvihill. Greenville County Power Station Project
[2500 Rogers Rd](#) [Emporia, VA 23847](#) Cell; [804-347-7926](tel:804-347-7926).

"Stingray" Nelson/Marek '86 Merit 28 MOD for SAIL!

Safe, FAST, FUN, ready to Race.

Contact Elliott Peterson at 443 624- 8662 for test sail.

Rates PHRF Chesapeake 129.

Merit 28 Modified at birth with the ergonomic deck of a Santana 30/30 grand prix deck and open transom. S glass and Divinycell foam core. Masthead rig with rod rigging.

Fresh spectra/dynema running rigging

Volvo- Penta 3 cyl 18 HP saildrive installed in 2003, serviced by Zahnisers in 2017(under 500 hours).

Tandem axle Martin 10K pound trailer with electric brakes.

New tires and wires in 2017.

Draft 5.9' Beam 9.2' Disp 5100 lb Lead ballast 1890 lb

switched 12V electrical Panel and two batteries

Full, Fresh and Fast Sail inventory. dp GPL Main, Heavy#1, Light

#1,#2,#3, .5oz and .75 oz spins. Many other beer can sails

Tuff Luff forestay. Hard Vang. Cascading Backstay 36:1,

Course 4:1 and Fine 16:1 Mainsheet with Harken windward sheeting traveler (2017).

Raymarine depth/speed/bidata display, Sailcomp

Spinlock tiller extension

Muller Marine (Eastport) faired and painted 2017 Trinidad bottom job

New Extra long Sunbrella quarter berth cushions 2017

Sunbrella Mainsail, tiller, winch, and cockpit covers.

LED running and chart light, anchor

Single point lifting harness/straps included

SMSA race boat of the year 2014

Asking \$20K for sailboat and trailer but will sell separately.



Battleship Canoe for Sale!

One of a kind 16 foot Battle Canoe (USS Wisconsin replica) with fully operational Super Soaker Squirt Guns!! (6 battery squirt guns for a full broadside). Forward and midship turrets rotate and elevate for full dousing impact!

Built for the 2014 Norfolk Harborfest boat building competition her battle success includes dousing and successfully ramming a competing Viking longboat, sinking her in the process! US Navy 1, Vikings 0. With its built in keel, this canoe paddles straight and true. The Battle Canoe is ready for eager teens and adults looking to dominate those on-water battles (or at least it'll get them away from video games for a bit!)

For sale \$295.00 or best offer. Contact Todd Porter, portertodda@gmail.com



Igloo 128 Cooler for sale!

Great for fishing or large parties. Only used twice!

Lists for **\$368,**

asking **\$175.**

Please contact

Todd Porter

portertodda@gmail.com



YEARBOOK 2018

It is time for the 2018 yearbook preparation. We are working to remind our advertisers and thank them for support. Please consider asking businesses you know to participate.

We need your pictures and articles at some point. It is early, but I want to remind you so in your spare time, ha, ha, you can send some pictures along.

We will also select a few 2017 articles to highlight in the Yearbook for 2018. Any suggestions from you would be welcome.

Thanks,
Patty Kimmel
communications@smsa.com



**Topper Argo
Dinghy
for Sale!**

2015 14 foot Argo Dinghy sport boat (jib, main, asym.), dual trapeze, centerboard. Includes sails, trapeze harness, boat box, trailer, dolly and accessories. Great for young racers, or young at heart sailors!
For sale \$8,500 or best offer. Contact Todd Porter, portertodda@gmail.com

Friday, March 02, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Monday, March 05, 2018	BOD Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 08, 2018	HS Kickoff/Parents Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, March 09, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Sunday, March 11, 2018	Daylight Savings Time	
	Racing Rules Seminar	
	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 15, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 16, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 18, 2018	Racing Rules Seminar	
	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Monday, March 19, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	CLEW INPUTS DUE	
Thursday, March 22, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 23, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
	Calvert Artists Guild Art Show (Till 3/25)	
Sunday, March 25, 2018	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Monday, March 26, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 29, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 30, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Monday, April 02, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 03, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, April 05, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, April 06, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 07, 2018	HS JV Regatta - Kent Island Yacht Club	
	Project Day at the Clubhouse	9:00 AM
Sunday, April 08, 2018	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Monday, April 09, 2018	BOD MEETING	7:00 PM
	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races	6:25 PM
Thursday, April 12, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, April 13, 2018	Charleston Race Week (till 3/15)	
Friday, April 13, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 14, 2018	CLUB OPENING DAY 2018	10:00 AM
Monday, April 16, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 17, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 18, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races	6:25 PM
Thursday, April 19, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, April 20, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
	CLEW INPUTS DUE	
Saturday, April 21, 2018	Cruise - St. Leonard Creek/Rollins Cove Raft-Up	
	HS JV Regatta - Baltimore County Sailing Center	
	Little Choptank Race	
Sunday, April 22, 2018	Cruise - St. Leonard Creek/Rollins Cove Raft-Up	
	Spring Invitational	
Monday, April 23, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 24, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 25, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races	6:25 PM
Thursday, April 26, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
	SMSA Thursday Night Small Boat races	
Friday, April 27, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 28, 2018	SCC Southern Maryland HS Regatta	
	SMSA Crew Listing Party	4:00 PM
Sunday, April 29, 2018	SCC Southern Maryland HS Regatta	
Monday, April 30, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM

MARCH 2018 thru APRIL 2018 SMSA CALENDAR



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IT'S YEARBOOK TIME!

We need your pictures and your assistance.

Email communications@smsa.com

for more information!