

The Commodore's Corner

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Let the Season begin!

April was again a challenging weather month, but I was excited to see how our members coped with it. We had a great turnout for our annual Club Project day, and Opening Day was also a big success. As I write this article, we have started Wednesday night racing with 16 boats on the line, the largest group on week #1 in many years. The First Cruise event had 7 boats participating. Our High School Sailing team has been on the water for almost two months and participated in two out of town regattas. The Smallboat fleet will start on the 26th of April and I am sure they will have a spirited first night too. Sooo... thanks for all who have worked to get the season off to a big start, and let's keep it going in May. For those that missed Opening Day, Yearbooks and Keelboat SIs are available at the Bar.

Speaking of the Bar, for 2018 we will have a paid bartender on duty for our Wednesday night racing socials, Thursday night Smallboat racing socials, and our usual Friday Night Happy Hour. Our Bar Manager will still need volunteers to assist with deliveries, and don't forget to tip your bartender.

May will be a great month with lots of fun activities. We will start off with our last Commodore's dinner on May 4th. The theme this month, on the eve of Cinco de Mayo, will be Mexican. The following day we will have our Marine Yard Sale. Rich Freeman is the event organizer. Tables are available or just donate stuff to the club table. I have a pile that we'll be donating. We also have lots of Keelboat racing, Cruise events, and Smallboat fun planned.

The weekend on May 19th and 20th will be particularly active. We will have the second annual Commodore's Golf Tournament on Saturday May 19th. Contact Jim Keen for details and sign-up. One of the major events on our racing calendar is the Frost-Goode Memorial race on May 20th. This is an event that we like to have all of our fleets participate in (Smallboat, Keelboat, and Cruising). Again, this year SIYC will be holding their blessing of the Fleet on the same day and we will be coordinating the two events on the Solomons waterfront. And lastly the Calvert Artist Guild will be holding another event at the club. Members will be able to preview the art at the Friday Night Happy Hour and see who the artist & race winners are at our Froste-Goode post-race social.

In other news, the new management of Zahnisers Marina has informed me that they cannot support our Wednesday Night race socials at the Pool Bar. We will therefore plan on having the race results at the Clubhouse for the entire season. Zahnisers is interested in sponsoring some race/social events at the Pool Bar. However, we have not yet determined which ones that will be. I will keep you all posted in my weekly email.

It is not too early to start planning for the Screwpile Challenge event in July. The Screwpile team is already hard at work and would like for the home team to register their boats in the event as early as possible to show the out of town crowd what they will be up against this year.

Jim Whited,
SMSA Commodore



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH DODGE AND KEEN

Betsy Dodge and Jody Keen, Co-Chairs
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April Showers? Yes we got some rain but boy did we have some wind! Opening Day was a wonderful, well attended event with balmy weather and winds blowing into the 20 knot range. It was great to see so many of our members at the clubhouse.

The crew listing party was well attended and I hope everyone found a position that will suit them.

Looking forward to May, the Commodore's dinner will be held on the 4th, the theme is Mexican. The Second annual Commodore's Open will take place on the 19th of May at Cedar Point Golf Club on NAS Patuxent River. See below for details.

Also, please keep in mind the Luau on Saturday June second. Come out in your Hawaiian attire for an evening of fun at Zahnhisers.



Second Annual SMSA Commodore's Open Golf Tournament

Please join us on Saturday, May 19th for the Second Annual SMSA Commodore's Open Golf Tournament sponsored by AMEWAS. Whether you're a duffer or scratch golfer, it will be a fun event for all. We'll play 9 holes at the NAS Patuxent River Golf Course, best ball format. Nine holes with cart will cost \$27⁰⁰. For those without access to the base, a guest list will get you in. Meeting at 0930, first T-off at 1000. Lunch and awards to follow. The driving range will be available for warm-up with a ball pail included in the registration fee. Prizes will be awarded.



Please contact Jim or Jody Keen to reserve a spot and to get base access. This tournament is open to SMSA members and guests. Jim... 240 925-1173 or williwaw66@hotmail.com / Jody... 301 904-3178 or jmkeen@smcps.org. Please register by Saturday, 12 May if needed to be included in the NAS Pax Base access list.

Hosted by Commodore James Whited

CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
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ONE DOWN & 14 TO GO

As I write this Cruiser's Corner, the first cruise of the year, a trip to Rollins Cove on St. Leonard's Creek, has not yet occurred but, in spite of the cool temperatures, it will have by the time you read this. Look for a review of the trip in the June Clew. Now, let's look ahead to the three cruises scheduled in May.

May 5 & 6 to Mill Creek (Solomons)
May 11, 12 & 13 to Oxford
May 20 – May 30 to Southern Bay locations

Detailed information on each of these cruises can be found in the April Clew Cruiser's Corner and on the Cruise Schedule in the 2018 SMSA Yearbook and the SMSA website under the Cruise tab. Slips at marinas should be reserved in advance to ensure a space. If you have not yet made plans to participate it is not too late to join any of these trips.

Two interesting cruises are planned for June. The first is the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise from June 7 to June 10. Rod and Pat Schroeder on **Ruste Naylor** are the cruise leaders. After a night at anchor in the West River the cruisers will grab mooring balls in Annapolis Harbor and on Saturday, June 9, attend Annapolis Summer Garden Theater to see "Bullets Over Broadway". The mooring balls are first come basis but theater tickets should be purchased on line in advance.

The final cruise in June is the 13 day Philadelphia Independence Day Cruise from June 21 to July 3. Dennis and Carolyn Chandler on **Safina** are the cruise leaders. Reservations at three marinas are required for this cruise.

June 23, **Delaware City Marina**, 302-834-4172
June 24, 25 & 26, **Philadelphia - Penn's Landing Marina**, 215-923-9129
June 27, **Delaware City Marina**, 302-834-4172
June 29, 30 & July 1, **Havre de Grace - Tidewater Marina**, 410-939-0950

See the 2018 Cruise Schedule for additional details. When you make slip reservations be sure to say that you are with the SMSA cruise group so they can keep our boats together. Also, please let the cruise leader and cruise chairman know that you plan to go and have made reservations.

Think Cruising!!!

KEEL BOAT RACING



Hawk Caldwell
Keelboat Race Chair
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Hello my fellow racers,

So by the time this reaches your viewership we have now officially opened the club and started our 2018 program. I am excited to see the participation from club members and even interest in our program from others outside of our organization! With the turn of May we have quite a few races coming up besides the standard Wed night we also have our classic double handed race and the always fun short sprint up the river Frost-Goode Race (open to Portsmouth, non-spin and spin boats). Hopefully you all have these on your calendar and I look forward to seeing you on the course.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to 2 new boats. HELLCAT (Jody and Jim Keen) has participated in their first race after a few years off from the racing circuit. Next is Whirlaway (Frank Walter) who additionally participated in their first race within the club. I really look forward to seeing them out there pushing their competitors! Lastly it was great seeing American Flyer with an amazing new paint job back out after a year on the hard!

In conclusion I want to ask you, when was the last time you practiced a man overboard drill? I know that the crew and I did ours just last weekend. Remember even though we sail in nice conditions most of the time things just happen sometimes. During the last leg of the Volvo Ocean Race a well seasoned crew lost a man overboard, this was the second incident of a MOB during this iteration of the race. So far this season on the Bay there have already been 3 deaths due to MOB situations. Remember that racing is great fun and exciting, but we also need to remember our seamanship! Plan, practice, and execute!

See you all on the water!

Cheers,

Hawk Caldwell



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THE TRAINING CORNER



Les Griffith

Training Chair

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The BoatUS Foundation offers a no-cost NASBLA and state-approved online boating safety course for 36 states at BoatUS.org/Free. Check it out!!!

The SMSA Board approved the use of our club to host the American Heritage Girls Troop MD-0317 on 21 May from 6:30 to 8:30 pm so they may learn about boating and earn credit towards their Boating Merit Badge. I am organizing this effort along with fellow club members Andy and Andrea Wilson. We are looking for volunteers to help with the training stations. I think this would be a great opportunity for the women of SMSA to volunteer and show the American Heritage Girls that sailing/boating is a great activity for women, although we will consider both men and women to help teach these girls about the sport we all enjoy. In addition to volunteers to instruct at the training stations if anyone has a slide show (or other presentation) that shows the parts of a sail boat that they would allow us to use it would be helpful. We will have 3 training stations: Safety, Parts of Boats/Securing the Boat, and Radio Use. I will have additional information/guidelines on each subject so we can be sure meet the requirements of the merit badge. To volunteer or if you have any questions please email me at Training@SMSA.com



SMSA is happy to once again offer CPR/First Aid Training. Training this year will be held on 26 May 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Kristen Quinn will be our instructor for this year. Kristen will be instructing using the American Heart Association (AHA) course. Each participant will earn a certification card showing they have met all of the requirements of the AHA for CPR and First Aid (the First Aid portion is not accepted by the Coast Guard for your Captains License). The cost for the course is \$60.00 per person paid

directly to the instructor on the day of the course. We need advanced registration so Kristen can ensure she has enough classroom materials to teach the class. To register please email me at Training@SMSA.com



Sail Solomons is offering an ASA Certification Course for Marine Weather on June 1-3 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) from 9—5 at the SMSA Clubhouse. Class is open to all SMSA member at a 15% discount (Regular price \$395 including books and ASA Certification).

Contact Jeff Carlsen (jeff@sailsi.com or 410-326-4917) for more information. (Instructor: CAPT Lisa Batchelor Frailey)

HAPPY HOUR



Todd & Jennifer Porter
Bar Managers
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Keep the suggestions coming - the bar is your Bar, and we're working hard to stock your favorite items. Bar inventory is conducted by the third or fourth Thursday of the month, with orders entered to our distributors during the last week of the month. If the bar seems a bit thin by mid-month, no fear, restocking occurs before the first of the next month. Therefore, best time to send your suggestions is during the first two weeks of the month!

In the mix for re-stock in March is Coors Light, The Little Penguin Chardonnay, and back by popular demand, J. Lohr Chardonnay and Knob Creek! And at the request of the Bar Manager, a new beer item - Smutynose Porter!

Concerning the Boat Name Drink Captain's Challenge; Cloud 9 is in the lead with Bad Cat now trailing. The new kid on the block, with a new drink called Hell Cat (think ice cream and coffee liquor), promises to knock both Cloud 9 and Bad Cat with an adverse wind shift. Remember, anyone wearing a Bad Cat, Cloud 9 or now, Hell Cat regalia receives 10% off their specialty drink - so wear your boat attire to the SMSA bar with pride!

From your friendly neighborhood SMSA Bar Managers - Todd and Jennifer Porter

SMSA Marine Yard Sale



The yard sale for items you no longer want or need will begin @ 0800 hours and end @ 1200 hours on Saturday, 5 May, and will be conducted at the SMSA Club House.



Members wishing to have a table should contact me at teknikr2004@yahoo.com at least two (2) days prior to reserve a space. Start providing me with a list of items if you can. For example we will have a 43lb Fortress -type anchor if we don't sell before the yard sale.

Again this year there will be a SMSA table. Those who have articles to sell but don't want to man a table can donate your items to SMSA [me] and we will sell them for you and the proceeds go to SMSA. No fuss. No muss... We made about \$20 last year.

So come on down to the Club House on Saturday morning on 5 May. Browse the tables. Be sure to bring lots of cash. I'm sure you will find something you just cannot live without for your boat.

Rich Freeman



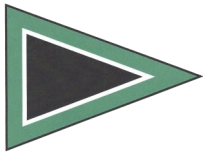
Summer Camp is rapidly approaching

for students ages 6-16.

Summer camp starts on June 11 and runs through August 17. Enroll now for the best choices in class dates! We have more Opti's this year and more 420s, so lots of boats, instructors, and safety boats to help the next generation enjoy the fun of sailing. Thanks to SMSA's board and members for supporting the junior program!

Our High School sailing team, Patuxent Sailing, is participating in regattas this spring. They have now attended two regattas, the first at Kent Island and the second at Baltimore County Sailing Center. See an account of the first regatta below written by one of our sailors. At the second regatta, each of our teams sailed seven races, showing very good starts, going really fast upwind, and improving their downwind performance. A large group of parents attended as well, enjoying watching their youngsters race. One parent was heard to say, 'I didn't realize sailing could be a spectator sport.'

We need more TEAMS!!!! We can easily support many more students in the High School Sailing program. We can have teams from all our Calvert County schools. Seventh graders can sail in Junior Varsity events, so if you know young people from various high schools and middle schools, please help publicize the program so we can field Calvert, Huntingtown, Calverton, etc., teams as well. And more students from Paxtuxent are welcome!



SMSA High School Sailing Team

On Saturday, April 7th, five members of the SMSA High School Sailing Team woke up early in the morning to prepare to travel to our first regatta. Accompanied by several very supportive parents, SMSA Junior Chair and our Coach Hannah Dickmyer, we bundled up against the cold and set off for Kent Island Yacht Club. The first start was postponed on account of the frigid temperatures and windy conditions; but soon enough we were hopping into our boats for the first set of races. Though the team finished in last overall, the teams individually were competitively sailing in the fleet. In the end, one team of two placed seventh out of nine and the other team of two placed eighth out of nine.

This regatta was an incredible learning experience for everyone who attended. We learned quite a bit watching some of the other more experienced teams, as well as learning from experiences of our own out on the water. For example, do not try to sail over a very large sandbar at low tide, or someone is going to have to get out and push the boat off! We all really appreciated the experience we gained at this regatta and we bonded more as a team while we were there. The conditions were cold and nasty, but none of that mattered, because in the end of it all, we had fun. The biggest lesson that we all learned is that sailing isn't about winning, but instead about the fun times to be had and the memories to be made.

Carolyn Wilson
SMSA HS Sailing Team Captain

We're Expanding our Services!!!!



Wednesday/Thurs Night Sailors Race Results Party at SMSA!

We are planning to have paid bartending on Wednesday & Thursday nights at SMSA after our race events. This frees up the Race Committee and all the racing crews to tell tall tales, make outrageous claims, and enjoy the night.

In addition to Sarah Homsher our bartender extraordinaire, we are in search of some additional help. Please see the ad on page 9 of the Clew for more information.

Please remember to tip your bartenders!!

BOAT SLIPS AVAILABLE!

Currently available:

1 small wet slip for a 25' max boat

1 shallow draft slip

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For more information, please go to smsa.com and click on "Facilities" to sign up for a slip. You will be contacted by our Dockmaster.





Bartender

\$10/hour plus tips

Responsibilities:

- Preparing alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages for bar and patrons
- Interacting with customers, taking orders and preparing/serving light food/snacks and drinks
- Assessing bar customers' needs and preferences and making recommendations
- Check customers' identification and confirm it meets legal drinking age
- Restock and replenish bar inventory and supplies
- Stay guest focused and nurture an excellent guest experience
- Comply with all food and beverage regulations
- Computer/Tablet literacy
- Positive attitude and excellent communication skills
- Ability to keep the bar organized, stocked and clean
- Maintain an accurate cash drawer throughout the night and be able to account for any and all discrepancies in the final drawer tally.
- Mix all drinks based on the serving sizes as outlined to keep drink costs at a minimum
- Develop an efficient work pace that keeps the customers at the bar satisfied
- Prep and cleanup requirements as necessary at beginning and end of shift
- Other duties as assigned
- Requires Maryland Alcohol Awareness certificate. (Course information available (~4hr course))
- Primary work hours: Evenings and weekends; Approx. 2-4 hrs shifts.

Contact information: apply@smsa.com

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, May 1, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races A-3	6:25 PM
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, May 3, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, May 4, 2018	Annapolis NOODs	
Friday, May 4, 2018	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, May 4, 2018	Commodores Dinner	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Cruise - Mill Creek (Solomons) Raft-Up	
Saturday, May 5, 2018	HS JV Regatta - Sailing Center Chesapeake	
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Yard Sale	8:00 AM
Monday, May 7, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Monday, May 7, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 8, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 9, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races A-4	6:25 PM
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, May 10, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, May 11, 2018	Cruise - Oxford, MD	
Friday, May 11, 2018	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, May 12, 2018	Double Handed Race	
Saturday, May 12, 2018	HS JV Regatta - St. Mary's Ryken	
Sunday, May 13, 2018	Mother's Day	
Monday, May 14, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races A-5	6:25 PM
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, May 17, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, May 18, 2018	Calvert Artists' Guild Event	
Friday, May 18, 2018	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2018	SMSA Golf Tournament - 2nd Annual	
Sunday, May 20, 2018	Clew Inputs Due	
Sunday, May 20, 2018	Cruise - Southern Bay	
Sunday, May 20, 2018	Frost-Goode Race	
Monday, May 21, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races A-6	6:25 PM

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, May 24, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, May 25, 2018	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, May 26, 2018	PRSA Spring Regatta	
Saturday, May 26, 2018	First Aid Training	9:00 AM
Monday, May 28, 2018	Memorial Day	
Monday, May 28, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, May 29, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, May 30, 2018	SMSA Wednesday Night Races A-7	6:25 PM
Thursday, May 31, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, May 31, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, June 1, 2018	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, June 1, 2018	Southern Bay Race Week	
Friday, June 1, 2018	ASA Certification Course for Marine Weather	9:00 AM
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Luau	
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Womens Marcy Series	
Saturday, June 2, 2018	ASA Certification Course for Marine Weather	9:00 AM
Sunday, June 3, 2018	ASA Certification Course for Marine Weather	9:00 AM
Monday, June 4, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, June 5, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, June 6, 2018	Fleet Building Wednesday Night #1	6:25 PM
Thursday, June 7, 2018	Small Boat Races	
Thursday, June 7, 2018	Cruise - Annapolis Summer Garden Theater	
Thursday, June 7, 2018	HS/MS Sailing	3:30 PM



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