



## The Commodore's Corner

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### Thank You!

This year's Annual Gala was another huge success due to the hard work of volunteers. So, I started off my opening remarks this year thanking the outstanding Social committee, led by Jody Keen and Betsy Dodge (see the Social scene article for the complete list). Also, our Vice Commodore did a great job of organizing the Awards phase of the program. It is not always visible how much work is involved in events like this, but Mark made it look easy in his first year. And, thanks to all the members that participated in last year's sailing and social programs.

In my opening remarks this year, I wanted to acknowledge some of the accomplishments of 2018 and set some goals for 2019. The 2018 accomplishments included the success of our Junior Program in producing our first Junior High Point Champion in many years, and it is great that the winner was a member that excelled not just as a skipper but as a crew for other members and a active participant in our Thursday night racing. Steven Twemlow participated in 9 of the 16 nights of Junior racing and earned a High Point score of 26. Congratulations to Steven. I also mentioned the great work of the Facilities team on the exterior appearance of the clubhouse. And our Treasurer has done some really great work in streamlining our financial system and adding credit card support at the bar.

For 2019, I hope we can focus on our excellent sailing programs. We have great sailing programs in our Club. Our Cruise program has a terrific schedule that is both challenging and fun, and operates out of the best cruising destination on the Bay. The Keelboat program provides a diverse program to challenge the skills of existing crews and help new crews develop. The Smallboat program has what I think is the best Smallboat sailing venue on the Bay and will have a complete program to challenge our members and guests. Our Junior program continues to grow beyond just being an excellent summer sailing camp program. This year our High School team will expand their participation in regattas and will host our first regatta for visiting teams on our home waters. I have challenged the team to add a sailing event for our youngest sailors to reward those young sailors and next year we will award a club Optimist champion. We will continue to enhance our clubhouse to provide our members an excellent venue for post-race rendezvous, social events, and private parties.

As always, volunteers are the key to making all of this happen. I would ask every member to think of ways they can help move us forward, and then get in touch with the appropriate committee chair to get involved.

I mentioned the financial changes our Treasurer has made in 2018 and we hope to make even more improvements in 2019. One of the areas the BOD team has approved, and our Treasurer will be implementing, is a realignment of the club dues and fees schedule with the actual sailing calendar. What this means to our members is, starting in 2020, the annual

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dues cycle will run from April 1st thru March 31st, instead of the traditional calendar year approach. This change is being made for many reasons, but the major reason is to reduce the administrative load on the first 3 months of the year. I would once again stress that our members should consider the monthly payment option for dues, which was implemented last year to help out in this transition. 2019 is the transition year for implementing this change. I will be writing more about this in the 2019 dues and fees letter to members shortly.

One last item for February: the Commodore's Pot Luck dinner will be on February 15th. The theme for this month will be **French**. So, start thinking about your favorite French dishes, including desserts, and I hope to see all of you there.

**Jim Whited,  
SMSA Commodore**



*Annual Gala Opening Remarks*



## THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH DODGE AND KEEN

Betsy Dodge and Jody Keen, Co-Chairs  
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The Annual Gala was a wonderful success! We had a great cross section of the club attend. Cruisers and racers alike enjoyed the evening of festivities. Many thanks to Lois Zonderman for baking the cookies and Nicole Doub and Terri Farman for baking the cupcakes. Thursday evening before the gala, we all met to decorate the cookies and cupcakes and had a great evening of laughter and camaraderie. Many thanks to Pat Schroeder, Lois Zonderman, Terri Farman, Donna Taylor, Karen Eggert, Priscilla Bradley, Kineta Bradley, Hannah Bulynko and Donna Maneely for all their help! Later on Saturday morning, Hannah, Lois and Pat were busy decorating Olde Breton Inn. The place looked fantastic! Again, many thanks to all!

On Sunday, February 3rd there will be an informal gathering at the club for the Superbowl. The commodore will have more on this next week.

Later in March, the Annual Crew listing party will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 4 pm. If you are interested in Crew or want to find a boat, come by the club to meet fellow sailors. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

In the meantime, stay warm!



*Some of the Gala volunteers after cookie and cupcake decorating!*

## CRUISERS CORNER



**Carl Kemp**

*Cruising Chair*

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2018 was another very active year for SMSA cruisers. Although 3 of the 15 scheduled cruises were canceled due to weather conditions, the 12 remaining cruises provided a wide range in destinations and duration. The participation is reflected in the Cruising Awards distributed at the Annual Gala.

### **2018 Cruising Program Awards**

#### **One Thousand Mile Cruising Awards**

Joe & Jody Frost	<i>Gemini</i>
Dennis & Carolyn Chandler	<i>Safina</i>
Carl & Martha Kemp	<i>Serenity</i>
Les Griffith & Jolie Homsher	<i>Cloud 9</i>
Andy Bachelor & Lisa Frailey	<i>Kinetic</i>

#### **Distinguished Cruising**

##### **Joseph T. McGrath Trophy**

Andy Batchelor & Lisa Frailey	<i>Kinetic</i>
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#### **Cruising High Point Awards**

Carl & Martha Kemp	<i>Serenity</i>
Dennis & Carolyn Chandler	<i>Safina</i>
Les Griffith	<i>Cloud 9</i>
Rod & Pat Schroeder	<i>Ruste Nayle</i>
Fred Siesseger	<i>Kalypso</i>

#### **Cruiser of the Year Award**

##### **Happy Hour Cruising Trophy (Shared Award in 2018)**

Dennis & Carolyn Chandler	<i>Safina</i>
Carl & Martha Kemp	<i>Serenity</i>





*Cruisers celebrate at the Annual Gala*

Now it's time to start thinking about the 2019 cruising season. On Saturday, January 5, with temperatures in the 40's, 26 cruisers and future cruisers gathered in the clubhouse to plan the 2019 cruise schedule. As a result of that meeting, 14 cruises, ranging from two days to almost two weeks and with destinations from top to bottom of the bay and including Cape May, New Jersey, have been placed on the SMSA calendar. Cruises begin in April and continue until the end of October. Cruise Leaders are busy finalizing details for each cruise and these will be printed in the 2019 Yearbook. All SMSA members are welcome to participate in the cruising program.

2019 promises to be another great year on the bay. We look forward to seeing everyone under sail.

Until then,  
**THINK CRUISING**

# It's SMSA Yearbook Time!

We are in the process of designing the 2019 SMSA Yearbook. Pictures are welcome and can be sent to the communications email ([communications@smsa.com](mailto:communications@smsa.com)). I also need for you to help solicit advertisers and to thank the ones we have. Some are indicating that SMSA members are not acknowledging their contributions. Please acknowledge them when you visit, the marinas, the restaurants and more. We may get Sneades Ace Hardware back this year because we all frequent that business. If so, say thanks!! Are there others we can ask?? Let me know.

Thank you,

Patty Kimmel

SMSA Communications Chair

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# JUNIOR SAILING



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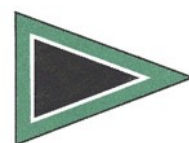
## Junior Program – **HELP NEEDED PLUS SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

The Junior Program is VERY FULL this year. If you have some time to help, we need workers to get our 420 high boats SPIFFED UP and people to help staff a Regatta in April. Here's the deal: ***We will be hosting a High School Regatta for our sailing league on Sunday, April 14.*** Bill Glascock has generously agreed to host us on his beach on the Patuxent River. 20 varsity sailing teams from 10-12 high schools will be attending. Helpers are needed in March to get our boats rigged, tuned, spiffed, etc. So, if you can help clean, rig, cut lines, tie knots, please email [junior@smsa.com](mailto:junior@smsa.com) or contact Barbara Whited at 410-474-9083 and we will put you to work.

**Summer camp registration** is open with students already registered and one week already sold out. Please look at the site and register your students soon to get the weeks you want. Camp runs from June 17 – August 16 this summer.

A special extra week of camp is tentatively planned to host a Boy Scout Sailing Merit Badge Camp on August 19 – 23. Merit Badge week would not have a summer camp fee, but a small donation for use of the boats. If you have a Scout in your family who would be interested, please send a note to [junior@smsa.com](mailto:junior@smsa.com) so we can begin to gauge interest.

**High School Sailing** begins on March 11, with an Info Night scheduled on March 5 for interested parents and sailors. This season we will participate in junior varsity and varsity regattas. And there is a High School Ladies regatta planned in May. Overall, there are 9 away regattas that our sailors can attend – a big load from March 23 – May 11.



We owe a big THANK YOU to Mark Witte, John Blaney, Derek and John Fahnestock, Robert Herbig, Norm Dawley, Jim Whited, Shawn Stanley (who'd I miss...) for building winter stands for our 420s and getting the boats all turned over for winter storage.

Thank you for supporting the program! We look forward to your junior sailors having a lot of fun on the water this year!!



## **Clew Editor Still Needed**

Signing up to be Clew Editor is a great opportunity to serve the club! The Clew Editor assembles the various Clew inputs in the pre-made Microsoft Publisher (similar interface to PowerPoint) template and distributes the electronic version of the Clew. The job requires only about 8 hours of time per month! Training and assistance is readily available.

Contact the Commodore  
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## THE TRAINING CORNER



**Les Griffith**

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Early Spring is the time to refresh our racing knowledge!

We will have our yearly Racing Rules Seminars on Sunday, March 17 and Sunday, March 31 from 3 to 5 pm at the club house.

In addition, we are tentatively planning an Advanced Race Management Seminar given by US Sailing for Saturday, February 16. More details to come soon.



## **HELP the JUNIOR PROGRAM**

**Join or renew your US Sailing Membership via the MVP Program!**

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***Our sailing campers & high school sailors thank you.***

## HAPPY HOUR



**Todd & Jennifer Porter**  
*Bar Managers*  
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As the SMSA bar ramps up for the Spring sailing season, stay tuned for a whiskey tasting event! This is your chance to weigh the difference between bourbon & whiskey, smoothness & complexity, and attributes that sharpen the palate!

Also, the results of the SMSA 'name the bar' and the Boat Name Drink competition will be announced soon.

In the meantime, all are welcome Fridays (5:30 to 9:00 pm) to meet-up with fellow sailors and enthusiasts to talk about the coming Spring and warmer sailing days ahead.

As the most interesting man in the world says, "Stay thirsty my friends!"



*Serenity and other boats that were hauled for the winter look forward to returning to their natural state in the coming spring!*

Date	Event	Time
Friday, February 1, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Sunday, February 3, 2019	Super Bowl	4:00 PM
Friday, February 8, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 9, 2019	VX One Winter Series #2 - Sarsota	
Monday, February 11, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 12, 2019	Clean Marina Workshop	9:00 AM
Friday, February 15, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, February 15, 2019	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
Saturday, February 16, 2019	TENTATIVE - Advanced Race Management seminar by US Sailing	
Wednesday, February 20, 2019	Clew Inputs Due	
Thursday, February 21, 2019	Yearbook Inputs & Draft Race Circular Due	
Friday, February 22, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 23, 2019	Discussion - Local Keelboat Racing	1:00 PM
Friday, March 1, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, March 8, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Monday, March 11, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	Commodore's Dinner / St. Patrick's Day Party	6:30 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	VX One Winter Series #3 - Sarasota	
Sunday, March 17, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Sunday, March 17, 2019	Racing Rules Seminar	3:00 PM
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Clew Inputs Due	
Friday, March 22, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, March 22, 2019	Artists Guild	
Sunday, March 24, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Friday, March 29, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, March 30, 2019	Crew Listing Party	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 31, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Sunday, March 31, 2019	Racing Rules Seminar	3:00 PM



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