



**A monthly publication for the membership of Severn Sailing Association  
A Small Boat Racing Club, Established 1954**

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### **Commodore's Comments**

This last month, I had the great pleasure to spend a week sailing with some of my SSA friends. No, we didn't go to Florida for a midwinters regatta; we were chartering a cruising boat (gasp!) in the Caribbean. On the way home, I considered this trip and remembered all the sailing adventures that I have embarked upon since I first stepped aboard a dinghy with my parents as a child. Big trips and small, on the Chesapeake Bay and around the country, I count myself lucky to be a sailor in large part because of the friends I have had the privilege of sailing with. The group and team aspects of sailing are a special and rewarding way to spend free time, even when it is in very short supply. These rewards accrue not only while sailing but also when spending time with our sailing friends before and after sailing. The variety of experiences, friends, and family that sailing can involve help make it an activity that is worthy of a lifetime of memories.

I hope you have recently had a chance to participate in a sailing adventure of your own with some of your sailing friends. If it has

been too long, then it's time to make some plans!

It's finally Spring, and time to plan for new sailing season adventures! When making your plans for this year, please don't forget to prepare your boat and your safety equipment for this year's sailing.



The standing race committee and sailing committee have recently been working on a list of safety requirements that is tailored for each class of boat. Please look out for information from your fleet captain to be sent out in the next few weeks.

Commodore Luke Shingledecker

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### **Significant News**

- **MD Safe Boating Course** – SSA will host a *FREE* MD Safe Boating Course on April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. *MD requires that any person born on or after July 1, 1972, who operates a registered vessel must have a Certificate of Boating Safety Education. All SSA RC members need this certification.* Contact Nan at the office or [office@severnsailing.org](mailto:office@severnsailing.org) to register.
- **TESOD Starts May 11<sup>th</sup>.** Contact the office if you are interested in helping with Race Committee.
- **Junior Program Summer Registration is filling up** – Information about our programs, staff and schedule are available online, along with lots of pictures. Please visit: <http://www.severnsailing.org/juniors/> .

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### **Upcoming Events**

- **April 17** – MD Safe Boating Course, 10am
- **May 1** – Junior Summer Program Registration Balances and Paperwork is DUE.
- **May 11** - TESOD starts. 6pm FIRST gun!

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### **Important Reminders**

- **Duty Day Roster is complete.** PLEASE check your account and mark your calendars. A **RC Substitute List** is available on the Members Only site under Reports 'Members Needing Days'. Please notify the office of any substitutions. Contact the office for an additional list of juniors for hire (\$50/day).
- **Boat Identification** – All boats and trailers must have identification or will be subject to removal at the owners' expense. Contact [Mike@severnsailing.org](mailto:Mike@severnsailing.org).

## SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2010

Present: Jen Cook, John Gebhardt, Mike Higgins, Todd Johnson, David Koepper, Eric Reinke, Peter Rich, Luke Shingledecker, Sean Smith, Nan Walker, Hal Whitacre  
The revised January minutes were approved.

#### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Sun., 2/28, 5:30-8 p.m. (Jim Urban) Catalina 27 Fleet winter meeting approved.
- Sat., 3/20, 6-10 p.m. (Bert Collins) Star fleet meeting approved.
- 2010 Dues: Board members will contact the five members in arrears and tell them that termination letters are scheduled to be mailed on Friday, 2/26
- Boat Storage applications: The balance as of the due date, 2/4, was \$50,519. To date, 53 members owe a total of \$39,512. This includes \$28,578 in dry storage, \$10,666 in wet slip storage. A \$75 late fee will go into effect on March 1. Bills will be sent out by March 5.
- Members Only website – Mike Waters has the web site operational for 2010 duty day sign ups. Member documents are posted and able to be downloaded. Carlos Linares is working on a new program (Open Source software) to transfer the data from Potter's site. Carlos is testing the software at present and Nan plans to make the switch after March 21, the duty day sign-up deadline, to ensure that no data is lost from RC rosters.
- The 2010 Commodore letter with membership cards and mail-in duty day sign-up form will be sent out by 2/19.
- The office computer now has a Carbonite back-up program and a new DVD drive, which was needed to reinstall the operating system. Nan is still researching options to replace the computer that was purchased in 2002.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The new Parker 2320 was delivered this month and put into use for the IC Midwinters regatta. Under challenging weather conditions, the regatta was a success and the new boat performed well. The RC praised the boat's performance and comfort and is reviewing several comments concerning boat operations.
- The club has survived the latest two snowstorms well, with only a few loose dock boards and a few Frostbite racing cancellations. Stewart Landscaping did a great job clearing the driveway and parking lot, for a total cost of about \$2,000. Mike checked a few other companies' rates and found Stewart's to be competitive. In addition, volunteers from the Laser

fleet cleared the launching ramp and access road and Mike removed snow from the RC boats.

#### FINANCE REPORT

- Operating revenue and expenses show nothing unusual compared with last year at this time, with the exception of telephone usage, which is relatively high.
- The State Farm CD expires in March.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- New associate members, membership status changes, and resignations were approved.
- The total membership is now at 395, which is the first time in a few years it has dipped below 400. However, Voting and Associate totals have maintained steady numbers over the past few years.

#### FACILITIES REPORT

- All of the Facilities subcommittee meetings that had been scheduled since the January Board meeting were postponed due to snow. However, the Grounds Subcommittee has been rescheduled for this Wed, 2/17; the Buildings Subcommittee is being rescheduled for next week; and the Docks Subcommittee has started assembling a list of projects for the March work parties.

#### SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Day Sailor fleet has withdrawn its request to host the North American championships at SSA in summer 2011.
- Acrylic mainsail trophies have been picked out for the 2010 season.

#### STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The new Parker 2320 was delivered and given a short sea trial in late January. SSA accepted the boat and she has been used in several events. Final fitting-out is awaiting better weather.
- The February 8 SRC meeting was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for February 20. A major topic of the meeting will be safety guidelines for race committees, which a subcommittee has been working on since December.
- PRO and Vice Chair sign up for most of the 2010 events is complete. One potential issue is that the J24 fleet has not yet selected a PRO for the East Coasts. Remaining open slots will be assigned at the February 20 meeting.
- The open period for members to sign up for duty days started last Monday, February 8. As of today, 40 percent of the slots have been filled. The open period runs until March 21.

**JR. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- The High School season will begin on March 15.
- A High School fleet race championship qualifier will be held at SSA on April 2-3, which does not conflict with any scheduled SSA regattas.
- There will also be a High School regatta April 24-25 with sailors rotating off the outer bulkhead. These dates have been cleared with the Laser fleet. AYC will host the HS regatta and provide boats.
- Summer program registration is ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
 Next meeting will be Monday, March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**NEW MEMBERS**

David Glaudemans  
 (Associate)  
 Fleet: Laser

Tim Williams (Reinstate  
 Associate)  
 Fleet: Laser

**CHANGES**

Nandini Brown  
 (Supporting)  
 Nick Torres (Non-Resident)

**RESIGNATIONS**

David Corrdry (Associate)  
 Brian Duff (Associate)  
 Marta Wallace (Associate)  
 Greg Stevens (Associate)

**FLEET NEWS**

**Laser Fleet News**

Thanks to Ted Morgan for scoring all through the 2009/2010 Frostbite season and for getting the final results compiled so quickly. A total of 52 Lasers competed in the series, which included 11 race days in and around the record snow storms. Of these 11 race days competitors were able to drop 5 race days from their score. Gavin O'Hare won the series with 14 points, followed closely by Eric Reinke and Bryan Fishback with 16 points each (Eric took the tie breaker) and Hal Whitacre with 20 points. Great job to all of you for great performances in the Frostbite Series.



What better place to be on a Sunday afternoon!

**Coming soon.....**

The 2010 Sunshine Open and U.S. Singlehanded Championship Area C Elimination will be held at SSA on April 24-25. Registration is open, and you can save by registering early at <http://www.sailregattas.com> and clicking on the Regattas link.

The top male Standard rig finisher and top female Radial rig finisher will qualify for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship in Pensicola, Florida – July 29-August 1. Don't miss your chance to qualify!

Our first spring series race at SSA is on Sunday May 9. Looking forward to seeing you at the Sunshine Open.

**LIGHTNING FLEET 329**

SSA member Jon and Stacey Guth announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Adele, born on March 3, 2010. Two members of Fleet 329 participated in the Lightning Southern Circuit. Allan Terhune, with month-old daughter Cameron and wife Katie providing moral support, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Jonathan Lange participated in the final series at St Petersburg. We await our first local regatta on April 17-18. Word is out that 24-year old local Annapolis resident Tyler Keyworth has been selected as a participant in the International Lightning Class Association Boat Grant Program. SSA member Steve Constants will be his mentor. We are looking forward to having him join us.

**Soling Winter Series Wrap-Up**

The SSA Soling Winter Series of 2009-2010 is over - completed after but four events - the fewest since its inception in 1969-70 –but won by the standard margin of hundredths of a point - and by the winningest helmsman in its history and the only current competitor who was also present in 1969 -- Stu Walker. (Walker 1.20 - Gleitz/Connolly 1.43).

Snow and rain and cold and gale prevented all but one Sunday event in December, one in January, none in February and but two in March. Peter Gleitz was only available for the December event and put Stu deep in a 3-down hole - which (with the three throw-outs the rules allow) he was unable to recover from, until the second race of the final day - March 21st - when he won three straight - everyone of which was required to take the series - over Peter's usual tactician, Jeff Connolly. And even then - had he lost race #3 that day - he would have slipped back to a losing position.

Peter has won two Winter Series in a row since his return from England (by similar margins) so this win was an important one to Stu. In third place this weekend was Henry Thomas of Princeton NJ and in third place overall, Joe Van Gieson of Annapolis.

**Soling Frostbite Results**

1. Stu Walker	1 2 2 3 1 1 1 1 2 2 1 1 1
2. Gleitz/Connolly	3 1 1 1 _ _ _ 4 4 1 2 2 2
3. Joe Van Gieson	_ _ _ _ 3 3 2 3 1 3 _ _ _
4. Henry Thomas	4 4 4 2 2 3 2 5 5 3 3 3
5. Andy Dize	2 3 3 2 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. Bruce Breiding	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ 5 3 4 _ _ _

**JUNIOR PROGRAM NEWS**

The SSA Junior Program is proud to announce that we have 12 full-time employees on staff for our 2010 Summer Program, each hired for a specific area of expertise. The majority of the staff from last summer will be returning, so there will be many familiar faces. Staff bios will be added to our website over the next few weeks, but we would like to highlight a few new coaches:

**Opti Travel Team coach: Nicolas Stefani Turell.**

Nicolas is Uruguayan, and is currently in his last year of college there, majoring in physical education. He has been an Opti coach for a number of years, but for the last two, has served as the Race Coach at Yacht Club Uruguayo. As an Opti sailor, Nicolas competed at the highest level possible: sailing in Optimist Worlds three times. He has also competed in the Optimist South American Championship four times, where he has finished in the top ten. In addition, Nicolas is a National Champion: having won the Uruguay Nationals in both the Opti and the Snipe in the Jr. division. Since aging out the Opti, Nicolas has continued his high-level sailing in both the Snipe and J-24. We are very happy to have Nicolas join the SSA team starting in June.

**Laser Travel Team Coach: Ike Babbitt**

Another exciting new addition to our Jr. Program is the reinstatement of the Laser Travel Team. This group is expected to focus on Chesapeake Bay area events, and there is the possibility for travel to more distant events depending on demand. SSA has hired Ike Babbitt as our Laser coach. Ike is a Junior at Hobart and William Smith Colleges where he sails on the college's Varsity team, competing in Laser and 420 events. Ike grew up in Dartmouth, MA; sailing out of the New Bedford Yacht Club. After aging out of Junior Sailing, Ike returned to his home club to coach, and has been on the staff there since 2002, most recently as the Laser Race Team co-coach. Ike is excited to bring his coaching and sailing expertise to a new club. We are happy to again offer the Laser as a Junior sailing option at SSA.

Please check our website for more extensive staff bios: <http://severnsailing.org/juniors/staff.htm>

As always, feel free to call or email Director Joel Labuzetta in the Jr. Program office with any questions. 410-263-0071, [juniors@severnsailing.org](mailto:juniors@severnsailing.org).

**Jetfrost Wrap-up 2010**

What age or weight is too young or light to crew on a Jet 14? What do you think would be the answer to that question? Well, I think that Scott and Charlie Williamson's answer to that question, would be:

We think that 5 years of age and 35 lb's works pretty well.....and works well it did, and this dynamic duo won the last Jetfrost of the 2009-2010 season with

blazing speed! Not to be outdone by other's jumping on the band wagon, Darren and Griffin (6 years old) Jirron had a good day, I had Zack Skord(age 15), and Ed Lutz came out for the first time in a Jet and came away with third with Scott's normal crew of Aubrey (age 13) also great to see Todd and Ellen Crotaeu getting 977 moving. John Mulcahy and Randy Bruns had 1075 moving as well. James and Pete McKenna ran 8 excellent races in absolutely gorgeous t shirt weather. and Daren provided Beer, chicken chili, french bread and brie! A new stock of vintage trophies courtesy of Celeste Simonds was divied up with the last place boat getting first pick.



**Jet 14s on the starting line for JetFrost**

**Scores for Sat- 3/20/10**

Scott and Charlie Williamson - #203- 1st  
 Zack Skord, M Parramore- #646-2nd  
 Ed Lutz- Aubrey- #958-3rd  
 Darren and Griffin Jirron- #1048-4th  
 John Mulcahy and Randy Bruns - #1075-5th  
 Todd and Ellen Croteau- 6<sup>th</sup>



**Williamson's on their way to winning the day!!**

For the coming season the Jet Fleet is planning to have 10 or more boats that will be auctioned off at Nationals at Tred Avon Yacht Club on the Eastern Shore August 4-7. Bids will start at an amazing \$5.00, thus offering an inexpensive way to get kids and their families interested in buying their own Jets without having to pay a lot for the boat. We think this will be very well received at Tred Avon, and would like to invite and encourage SSA members to come to Nationals and bid on the boats. We already have one wood boat for the auction and hope to acquire the remaining boats in the next few months.

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