



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

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Commodore's Comments

With summer sailing in full swing, junior program, weeknight racing, and weekend regattas, it is easy to see how busy the club has been with active sailing taking place at SSA 7 days a week, morning, noon and night! Not many sailing clubs can boast the same level of activity as SSA. The challenge with all this activity is that when our facilities are used so heavily it shows. Despite the efforts of our club staff, many members, junior instructors, and junior sailors, there is often debris and trash lying around the club grounds. This is unfortunate, unsightly, and potentially hazardous. Beyond being an eyesore, anything left on the ground can easily end up in the water when wind and rain storms come through. We have recently made a concerted effort to place additional trash and recycling containers around the club. Please try to take extra care to make sure that you stow your personal belongings in your boat or car, and make sure that everything you dispose of makes it to the garbage, dumpster, or recycling cans.

On a similar note, I would like everyone to commit to a renewed spirit of respect and cooperation. Be sure to take extra care when navigating the dry storage area. No one wants to find damage to their trailer, boat, or car from an accidental collision. To help make sure everyone can get to the line on time, please try to avoid leaving boats, cars, and trailers in others' way, or in traffic lanes. When preparing to go sailing, please try to rig your boat in areas that do not block access to the launch ramp, allowing others to pass by while you are getting ready.

With so many different users and activities at SSA, it is difficult to avoid occasional inconvenience and unexpected problems. I don't believe that any of our members or guests ever intends to cause problems for others. During this busy season please consider and respect others' use of the club, and help us keep SSA the great and friendly racing club that we are known for.

Finally, the 2010 nominating committee has been formed to create the slate for next year's Board of Governors at the annual meeting on November 13. If you would like to suggest a voting member for the Board, please contact Jesse Falsone at jessefalsone@gmail.com.

Commodore Luke Shingledecker

Upcoming Events

- **TESOD Race Clinic - August 3rd**
Geoff Becker will be on the water filming some rules 'situations' with discussion to follow after sailing.
- **Junior Family & Awards Night – August 12th, 6:30pm** If you have attended any SSA class from July 19th or participated in Opti, Laser or 420 Chessie or Travel Teams, please join us for our end of season awards ceremony.
- **Snipe Nationals - August 13th – 20th**
- **TESOD Music & Keg Night – August 31st**
There are only 6 more TESODs left this season so get out on the race course with your crew or family.
- **Last TESOD – Sept 7th**
- **High School Sailing starts – Sept 13th**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **RC Assignments:** Please check your duty day assignments for the upcoming Fall series on your account on the Members site under 'Duty Days'. Allow yourself plenty of time to find a replacement/sub. The RC can not afford to be short last minute!
- **Snipe National Regatta Lot Clearing:**
All boats that can be moved off the lot need to be **moved by Thursday, August 12**. Boats not moved will be consolidated near the J24s, J22s, Stars, or Solings.
- **NO TESOD August 17.**
- **J22s and J24s Thursday Night Series August 19**
Members that plan to race Thursday night August 19, contact brian.hetherington@clarkconstruction.com to identify your boat so they can work out availability to hoists.
- **Sr. Club Office will be Closed Aug 16-20** during the Snipe Nationals. Mike Higgins will be available at 410-991-1383 or mike@severnsailing.org
- **Jr. Club Office will be Closed Aug 27-Sept 6**

SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2010

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

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Sat, 6/26, 4:30–8 pm Star fleet party. Approved.
- Mon, 9/20, 5-8 pm, Eastport Business Association Fall Social Meeting.
- Fri, 10/1, 7-11 pm Rehearsal Dinner. Approval conditional upon Snipe fleet agreement due to Frigid Digit regatta.
- Wed, 10/6, 6:30-9:30 pm (Boat Show week) Ocean Cruising Club Dinner. Approved
- Taxes have been completed and will be mailed on 6/15. An inventory of assets was conducted as part of the tax preparation. Nan is arranging a meeting with the accountant and Todd.
- We have received a new office computer and 22" monitor
- Six City of Annapolis recycling bins have been delivered and placed around the club. Pick up is on Tuesdays and bins need to be put out by road for pick up.
- Last week the SSA freezer had to be checked again due to high temperature. It was diagnosed as needing more freon, but basically it is just having a hard time keeping up with the extreme heat in the kitchen. A portable standing fan and outside fan are being used to reduce and maintain a more consistent temperature. They have looked into a portable air conditioner. The Board approved purchase of a 12,000 BTU air conditioner.
- TESOD Music and Keg Night is set for June 22.
- Race Clinic Series: Next date is set for TESOD July 6th
- EYC sent a letter requesting that SSA be a sponsor of the 2010 Lights Parade. The Board voted to approve this request.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The clubhouse roof and upper J24 hoist beam should be painted in the next week or two. Weather and scheduling have delayed the projects.
- Available lot storage includes two wet slips, one parking space, and a couple of Laser rack spaces.
- Weekend sailing continues to run smoothly. There was an electrical issue with the Favored End this past weekend, so Mike contacted Bay Shore Marine to recheck the electrical system.
- The RC now has a designated cell phone. The phone number, 443-926-3744, will be communicated to competitors in case they need to contact the RC on duty. It is prepaid phone that does not use minutes on the weekend.

FINANCE REPORT

- Operating revenue and expenses show nothing unusual compared with last year at this time. The SunTrust CD will mature in July.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- New associate members, membership status changes, and resignations were approved)

FACILITIES REPORT

- The proposal for clubhouse renovation design and cost estimates has been received. Efforts to review the proposal are currently underway. The next meeting of the Buildings Subcommittee is scheduled for June 21.
- There has been a request for the placement of cleats in several locations along the outer pier to help with temporary staging of boats. The proposal will be explored with Mike Higgins in the coming weeks.
- Sean is looking into the 1st Street pier replacement project, currently scheduled for 2012. Sean and Mike will visit AYC to study their floating docks in detail.

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Snipe 2010 National Regatta, August 13th - 20th: Lot clearing activities need to be coordinated.
- The Laser fleet has requested to have a separate Radial start at their club and invitational events. The 2010 sailing schedule has not been set up to accommodate an additional start for Lasers and this can be problematic when a number of fleets are racing on the same day. John will work with the fleet to develop a proposal for 2011. In the meantime, requests for additional starts this year will be considered on a case by case basis.

STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Regattas to date have been largely uneventful in terms of RC staffing and PRO/Vice Chair work. The report noted that there are still too many RC no shows, but Nan clarified that there has only been one no show, and it was this past weekend. It was suggested that it might help to mention in the commodore's column of the next eSSAy the need to show up or find a substitute.
- SRC has received praise for the Parker "Edgar D" from most operators. It is clearly providing an extra measure of safety (especially the swim platform to pull in sailors in the water) and comfort for operators. "SSA" and "Edgar D" graphics have been mounted on the boat.
- RC staffing for the newly scheduled Lightning Atlantic Coasts is complete. We are still short for July 18—the date added to allow the Lightnings to have the following weekend. Peter is keeping pressure on the Lightnings to provide staff on the 18th.

JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Junior Board met on 6/10, with all board members in attendance. New members Henry Filter and Jennifer Sturmer were brought up to speed on the program and the function of the board.
- Summer Program: All beginner classes are filled; intermediate Optis and 420 classes, second session, have vacancies. The travel teams are significantly larger than last year.
- Summer Program orientation night is 6/17. There will be a midpoint award/family night to allow the first session students to attend and receive their awards.
- Preparations for the Sandy McVicker regatta were discussed. The regatta entry fee will be increased to accommodate lunches. Based on a CBYRA survey of junior parents, lunches were a high priority. Pizza will be provided after racing.

- The Laser team will be required to rack their boats after practice on Thursdays through the weekend to alleviate congestion for the Senior club on Thursday evenings and the weekends.
- A gentle reminder to the Senior club that there will be additional 420's and Lasers on the lot for the summer program. The sailors will be reminded to try to not block in boats in the outer rows (Solings, J22's, Stars). It is hoped that the Senior club members who are affected can be tolerant of these boats and remember that the kids are the future for the sport they love.
- General Program Notes: The Junior program has purchased an additional Boston Whaler to support the (now) 4 travel teams over the summer. An extra trailer will be temporarily stored on the lot for the next month only, after that two whalers will be double decked to eliminate the usage of additional storage space.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board reviewed a proposal for design services to develop a schematic design study for the renovation of an addition to the main clubhouse.
- The Board briefly discussed the recent history of storage rate issues that members have raised, and how the Board has responded to these concerns with different proposals over the last 2 years. One of these proposals was implemented in 2009, and those the rates were maintained for 2010. In July the Board will review the original storage rates (2008 and earlier), the 2009-2010 rate structure, and one or two of the proposed rate structures that were considered in 2009 and ultimately not implemented because the Board did not reach consensus in time for budget decisions. The plan is for the Board to have a draft storage budget and rate proposal in August that can be shared with the fleets prior to the September Board meeting, when the budgetary decisions need to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Next Board meeting will be Monday, July 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

REMINDER - Lot Clearing for Snipe Nationals 8/13-20

The Snipes will be conducting their National regatta at SSA during August 13-20. They anticipate over 70 boats participating. With this level of anticipated attendance, we need to support the Snipes and clear off the lot as best as we can. All boats that can be moved off the lot need to be moved by Thursday, August 12. Boats not moved will be consolidated near the J24s, J22s, Stars, or Solings. TESOD for August 17 will be cancelled. If there are some J22s and J24s that plan to race Thursday night August 19, identify your boat to Brian at brian.hetherington@clarkconstruction.com and he will attempt to keep them at the edge of the consolidated keel boats. Boats can return on Saturday morning, August 21.
Thanks for your support to the Snipe fleet.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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Gretchen Esbensen (Non-Resident)	Cameron McNatt (Non-Resident)
Fleet: Laser	Fleet: Laser

Fleet News

Jet-14 Auction

Low starting prices!! Think of an inexpensive second boat so you can sail every other Saturday through the winter at SSA!!!

Where: Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD during our Nationals !

When: boats will be over there with bidding sheets attached to them or in the clubhouse beginning Weds Aug 4 and running till Fri Aug 6 at 8 p.m.

What: #739- wood natural hull, needs work, but very restorable, steel board, wood spars, trailer (no title) and sails-

Starting bid- \$110.00

#547- Early glass Dubdam hull with no tanks. rough condition, poor glass work, No trailer, DM2 keel stepped mast, two spinnakers, custom roller furler and jib track-

Starting bid- \$110.00

#602- Mobjack Hull, wood spars, trailer (no title) sails, recent deck and hull paint. hull in good shape, stiff.

Starting bid- \$110.00

#853- tanked glass Dubdam hull. RJ Bay's old boat. New keel stepped DM-1, steel board with tang, Northfix spinnaker pump system, modern rigging, hull wet sanded to 800 grit. sails, trailer (no title)

Starting Bid- \$300.00

How: So, if you think you might have an interest in an affordable complete project Jet, stroll on over to Oxford and leave a bid on a yot. Bidding ends at 8 p.m. on Friday but if you leave a bid and no one out bids you the boat is yours! but all boats must be removed from TAYC by Sunday the 8th of Aug.

You can register for the event and view pics at :

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/event.php?eid=125919097441720>

AND, announcing our first ever "Lurker Regatta" This regatta is a special one day event scheduled at SSA on the 31st of July. It is part of our summer series and specially designed to offer a tune up day for those jet sailors that "lurk" on the National and Chesapeake Jet lists, and either come out and race just nationals one time every 5 years, or used to race and have threatened to race nationals this year. We have many in this category and hopefully we can get them to come out and join us on the 31st!

For more info on racing a Jet, or the boats in auction please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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Member Report from Sunfish Worlds 2010, Punta Ala Italy

Lightning Fleet 329

The second day of the 2-day Summer Series at SSA was held on July 10th with Lightning sailor Steve Constants as the PRO. It was an unbelievable day with rain and more rain. The wind direction was shifty, and at times it was impossible to see the windward mark that Steve and his team were trying to keep to windward. All I can say is that none of the boats and equipment needed washing after the day's activities. After the series was completed, Jamie Brickell with Susie Brickell and Tom Apker (the first weekend) and Kimberly Brickell Frank (the second weekend ended up first with Gary Hurban 2nd, Greg Virgin 3rd and Joe Friebele 4th. Twelve different boats raced both days. Plans were completed for the Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship and Pan American Games qualifier for the weekend of July 24-25. It was hot; the generally westerly breeze was fickle. Saturday morning there was a good breeze for the first race and then it died. Mark Hasslinger tried and tried but ended canceling the day at 3:00pm and towing almost all the boats back to SSA where lots of cold liquid refreshments, along with 'heavy hors d'oeuvres' by Dark N' Stormy's greeted the contestants. Most everyone participated and then went into Annapolis for individual dinners. The start for Sunday was set for 10:00am to try to satisfy the requirements of both the ACC's and Pan American Qualifier must have 3 races to be considered an event. It was tough racing with wind shifts more profound than Saturday. Mark had to resort to the dreaded "Black Flag" for both races as the current and wind conditions made everyone very anxious. The winner of the regatta was David Stark with his wife Jody and cousin David Stark. This is a very formidable team and managed to avoid all the pitfalls with finishes of 5th, 1st and 3rd. The first SSA finisher was Steve Constants, with brothers David and Mike, with a 9th, 12th and 1st. 11th was Geoff Becker who was had a "black flag". Jon Guth was 14th, Jamie Brickell was 15th, Tyler Keyworth 18th, Joe Friebele 19th and Jonathan Lange 35th. When we came ashore and were de-rigging the boats, the violent thunderstorm came through with wind gusts in excess of 62m ph. Glad we were all ashore.

Thanks again to the fleets who changed their race days to allow this event. Also thanks to Mark Hasslinger and his race committee, and Jim Capron (SSA), Tim Borland (EYC) and Kim Couranz (SSA) who acted as Protest Committee.

If you are interested in crewing on a Lightning, please e-mail me at lightning@severnsailing.org and we'll find a place for you.

Some regatta reports recount the series race by race, with micro details about each leg and weather conditions. Since this report is intended for both sailors and non-sailors, I am taking a different tack. Instead, I will attempt to recount my time in Italy in broad strokes and hit the highlights of both the trip and the regatta.

Italy:

I didn't have a lot of time to be a tourist, but I did get a chance to see some of the sights while I was in Rome. At first I was nervous about looking too much like a tourist, walking around with my city map navigating through the ancient streets. It didn't take too long, however, to realize that EVERYONE was lost there. I heard German, English, Japanese, Italian and Spanish spoken by other people squinting over their city map. The Italians did not speak a lot of English, but appreciated any effort to speak Italian. After a bit, I got used to dinner at 8, out til 11 or so and gelato every night. Driving was an adventure, but luckily I only drove from Grosseto to the regatta site.

On the lay day we were offered a bus tour of the surrounding area with the highlights being a trip to the medieval town Massa Maritima. I learned quite a bit about the history of the area and especially enjoyed the lunch spread of the local food. Wild boar back bacon anyone?

The Punta Ala Camping and Beach Resort was a great location to host a regatta. Nice wide beach, cool water, brand new restaurant/ bar right near the beach. It was a great family venue, with playgrounds, rental bikes, a ropes course and kids variety show every night. The bungalows were cozy and not that expensive either.

My Regatta:

My goal was to finish at worst in the top 1/2, and to shoot for the top 1/4. Of 47 boats, I finished 18th and am pleased that I met my goals. My finishes at the end of each day were 36, 23, 20 and 18. I rounded the first windward mark in the top 10 in several races, but for a variety of reasons couldn't quite hold on. My best placing was a 14th, after rounding the first mark 6th. My boat speed was great when the breeze was over 12k, I just need the stamina to keep it up over a multi-day event, need to improve my starts, and sail smarter. Under 12 knots I need to practice and maybe get some coaching, since I am definitely off the pace. In the early lighter air races I also had an alphabet problem, scoring an OCS, fouling a boat and hitting a mark.

The Big Picture Regatta Story:

Most competitors agreed that the Race Committee and on the water judges were not up to par for such a high level event. There were delays every day getting racing started (some opined the RC was waiting for all the Italians to get off the beach), start lines were skewed to the point where it was almost an automatic general recall, finish lines upwind were often impossible to cross on both tacks and skewed beats often remained so even after the windshift was obvious. Additionally, the on the water judging was pretty

arbitrary, and the judges did not seem to understand the boat. I was flagged for rocking (while in 6th place, ahead of the eventual regatta winner Jonathon Martinetti) for recovering from a close call windward capsize. David Mendelblatt (2nd place on a tie-breaker) was flagged in mid-gybe at the gybe mark (yes, they had us sailing Olympic courses) and then later about 50 feet from the upwind finish.

The real story of the regatta though was the strength of the juniors. In the top 10 were 7 juniors, including the winner Jonathan (18), sons of former world champ Cor van Aanholt, Ard and Just (14) and Connor Bluin (20). I crossed tacks with Jose Gutierrez (16) and Mathieu De By (16) on those breezy days when I had my jets on. Most of the senior sailors described having a good day as, "sailing with the kids." Just has even been picked by Curacao to sail in this year's Junior Olympics in Singapore this Fall. This proves again that for a single-hander, the Sunfish is flexible enough to adapt to kids just out of Optis, women and even big guys like PJ Patin.

With the Gust Adjust Jens rig to allow the upper spar to twist off, smaller sailors are more than competitive as all these juniors (as well as Mendelblatt, who is about 145#) when the breeze comes up. The Sunfish being less expensive than Lasers is also a benefit of the class. As with many of the older "square boat" classes (Snipes, Lightnings), what makes these boats fun is the people sailing them. The island boys are looking forward to 2011 where Curacao will host the next Worlds, featuring big breeze and big rollers so they can show us how it's done. Everyone was willing to lend a hand, help rig or talk about what rigging works best for them. The Sunfish may not be the coolest, fastest boat on the water, but it is definitely a nice mix of good people, good fun and great competition.



On the beach at 2010 Sunfish Worlds

Robert Beach--Non-Resident member at SSA, member of the 505 class and past fleet captain,

Race Committee Staff Needed

We still need to fill some RC staff for remaining events due to members moving, personal injuries, etc. It is important that we have a full staff for regattas to assure a safe and efficient racing.

Days Needed:

- August 7th - J22 MidAtlantics/J24 Fall
- August 21st - Fall Series – La, DS, Th
- October 22nd - Soling Bowl
- October 23rd - Soling Bowl, 5o5 Plane Insane
- October 24th - Soling Bowl, 5o5 Plane Insane

Contact office@severnsailing.org to sign-up.

Priscilla Podlich – SSA Honorary Member

Priscilla Podlich crossed the bar on June 20, 2010 in Wenatchee, WA. Priscilla was the wife of founding member Bob Podlich (1920-1992) and was an instrumental part of the Junior Program in its early years. In the late 1940s, she and Bob (active dinghy sailors in the National and Severn One Design fleets) were looking for the right boat club. Several families in and around the Severna Park community of Round Bay, including Richard and MaryEllen Bartlett (founding member), and Rob and Marge Donald (designed the burgee) banded together to incorporate SSA.

After SSA moved to its Eastport location Priscilla's racing was reduced (except as crew on a few big boats and as crew for her children on a 420) as she raised her family, but she continued to support the SSA Jr Club as treasurer, and appreciate the uniqueness of this club that she and Bob helped create.

Priscilla is survived by her children, Chuck Podlich of Orondo, WA; Carol Roy of Dublin, OH; and SSA's Steve Podlich of Round Bay; as well as 8 grand children, including SSA Juniors Sophie and Ben, and one great grandson.

Any contributions in her honor can be made to the "Cecilia McKay (Grandmother of 1970 SSA Head instructor Will Simmons) Good Neighbor Fund" at Woods Memorial Church in Severna Park.

NEW SSA Logo Ribbon Belts

Available in Sizes XS, S, M, L, XL

\$20.00

NEW SSA Logo Ribbon Key Chains

\$5.00

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