



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

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### **Commodore's Comments**

As usual, it was great to see everyone who attended this year's brunch and annual meeting on Closing Day. We had a particularly strong turnout this year. Attendees heard reports on SSA's finances, membership, facilities, junior program, and of course, our 2009 sailing activities. A new board of governors was elected, and I am happy to welcome three new members to join our six returning members.

If you skipped the annual meeting, then you missed a chance to be recruited by some of the committees that help run the club. If you are interested in helping this year with the membership, facility, junior or standing race committees, please contact the office. Please consider stepping up to help one of these great groups.

Even though the 2009 sailing season has just ended, frostbiting has started, and preparations for next year are well underway. Fleet Captain David Koepper and the rest of the sailing committee have already completed an all but final schedule. In addition to the usual events, the 2010 schedule will feature the Snipe Nationals in August. The final schedule will be released in January.

The standing race committee has recommended the replacement of the Aquasport after struggling with a number of long-term motor problems. After considering a number of options, we have placed an order for a new Parker 2320 SL. As with the Aquasport, this new boat will serve as our weather mark and finish boat, as well as being the primary committee boat for our frostbite and Tuesday night races. We expect it to be ready well before Opening Day. Of course, every good boat needs a name, so if you have any suggestions, please send them to the [office@severnsailing.org](mailto:office@severnsailing.org). We will accept suggestions up until January 1.

Happy Holidays, Commodore Luke Shingledecker

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### **Significant News**

- Congratulations to SSA's 3 new Board of Governors Todd Johnson (Treasurer), Peter Rich and Eric Reinke (Members at Large). Beautiful stained glass burgees were presented to the parting members for their hard work and contributions to the club – Bruce Irvin, Greg Leonard (Treasurer) and Joe Van Geison (Past Commodore)

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### **Upcoming Events**

- **December 6<sup>th</sup> – Light Hanging Work Party.** Meet Jen Cook at 10am to lend a holiday hand.
- **December 12<sup>th</sup> – Standing Race Committee Meeting** from 9-11am in the main clubhouse. Contact Peter Hale if you are interested in joining the committee.
- **December 12<sup>th</sup> – Annapolis Christmas Lights Parade and Party.** Party starts at 4:30pm and Parade at 6pm. There will be activities for kids from 4:30-6:30. Space/Guests are limited. RSVP via website or return flyer insert.
- **December 18<sup>th</sup> – Dark N' Stormy's Holiday Dinner.** Contact David to make a reservation at 410-422-0039 or email [info@livetoeat.net](mailto:info@livetoeat.net).

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### **Important Reminders**

- Boat Storage Applications are due Decemeber 1<sup>st</sup>. Get in your application and deposit (per boat) to be eligible for storage for 2010. Applications are available in the clubhouse or email the office for an electronic copy.
- Special SSA Clothing/Gear orders are Due 12/4 for Christmas delivery. Softshell jackets and vests are available only by special order. Contact the office for other great gifts for the sailor on your list.
- Registration for the 2010 Junior Summer Program begins in January for SSA members. Schedule and registration will be available on their website <http://www.severnsailing.org/juniors/index.shtml>

**SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Present: Jen Cook, Mike Higgins, Bruce Irvin, Greg Leonard, Luke Shingledecker, Sean Smith, Joe Van Gieson, Nan Walker Absent: John Gebhardt, David Koepper, Hal Whitacre

The revised August minutes and September minutes were approved.

**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

- The Board agreed to let the Manitou dock at SSA during the set-up for the sailboat show and the duration of the powerboat show and the National Sailing Hall of Fame will list SSA as an in-kind contributor on their web site.

**OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Clubhouse use, Sat., 11/28, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Jonathan Lange) approved
- Clubhouse use, Fri., 12/4. 4:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Amie Boothe) approved
- 25 members still owe duty days, for a total of 37 days. Six members have responded to invoices sent 9/18 with Buy Out payments totaling \$825. Only one person has responded to the invoice by signing up for a fall work party.
- Membership dues bills were sent out 10/8 and included the 2010 storage application and past balances for duty days owed (see previous bullet).
- Race committee volunteer "no shows" continue to happen this fall. Most of these are members who had been assigned the duty day by lottery. Peter Hale has sent reminders to Vice Chairs about contacting RC volunteers in advance to remind them to show up. However, since this is a recurring problem each fall, we will oversubscribe fall race committee days so that we ensure an adequate number of RC staff. If we wind up with extra volunteers, some could participate in work parties instead.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The Caribe dinghy (which had been donated to SSA several years ago) was stolen from the basin the last weekend of September. DNR recovered it several days later, but unfortunately, it had been set on fire and destroyed. We do not have the police report. Mike will follow up to obtain this before the next meeting. RC boats need to be hauled out of the water every day. Keys for RC boats will be kept on top of the bookcase in the office or in a key locker. This was the third major theft this year. The kitchen break-in and auto thefts happened in the summer.
- A certified Yamaha mechanic diagnosed the Aquasport and discovered that the fuel pump was not properly pressurizing the fuel injection system. The repair cost is around \$1300 and there is no

guarantee that the engine does not have other issues. It has been operational, but continues to have some starting and rough running issues.

- There has been very little response to Fall work parties. Mike has been doing some repairs that were planned to be done by work parties and will continue to do so, but needs help with some larger projects.
- We received a discount on restroom supplies from our current vendor and may still decide to switch vendors in a

**FINANCE REPORT**

- Both revenue and expenses finished the year under budget.
- Corus Bank, where we had one CD worth \$122K, has failed. Our investment was covered under FDIC and we received and deposited a check for that amount in our Severn Savings money market account. The Met Life CD will need to be renewed or moved elsewhere before the next meeting.
- Greg will send a

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

- New associate members, membership status changes, and resignations were approved.
- The Board reviewed the Membership Committee's list of recommendations for eligible associate members to become voting members (see November essay for list of new voting members)

**FACILITIES REPORT**

- Facilities subcommittees have been formed. The Buildings Subcommittee will address maintenance and renovations. The Grounds Subcommittee will address parking, waterfront access, Jr. program boat storage, lot security and fuel management. The Docks Subcommittee will address permitting and planning. The Safety Subcommittee will address all safety issues.

**SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Regatta requests were received and approved for
  - o Laser frostbiting with a reduced fee for non-members.
  - o Thistle Mid Atlantic District Championships, tentatively scheduled for June 12-13, 2010.
  - o J22 fleet for 2010 Mid-winter North regatta. The regatta date should be coordinated with the Sailing Committee. RC equipment and staffing should be coordinated with the Standing Race Committee. Drysuits or wetsuits will be required to be worn.
- All of the frostbiting fleets (including for the J22 midwinters) need to submit their NOR/SI's along with their frostbite requests for this winter so that they can be reviewed by the SRC for safety issues.

## STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Board approved spending up to \$1300 to have the Aquasport engine repaired as soon as possible.
- The SRC has been investigating possible replacement boats for the Aquasport.
- On October 4, Snipes and Jet 14s were sailing on the outside course with full race committee, using Favored End II, the Aqua Sport, Parker, and RIB. The Solings and Day Sailers were running their own races on a different course without SSA race committee support. The Day Sailers had planned on using no SSA resources and the Solings had originally planned to use the Caribe (see above). With the wind modest as the competitors left SSA, the Solings were given permission to use the RIB and one assigned RC staff member as a replacement for the Caribe. However, when the wind increased mid-day, problems developed on the outer course, with a broken Jet mast and several capsized Snipes. Mike called the RIB operator and sent him out to the Snipe/Jet course to assist. All boats and crew were recovered safely, but several of the capsized Snipes appeared to have insufficient flotation to self-rescue. Furthermore, several sailors appeared to be lacking adequate clothing and PFDs. The SRC will address these types of safety issues over the winter, with the aim of producing guidelines for both the RC and the fleets. Although the RC staff reacted promptly and properly, it appears that it would have been useful to have a set of guidelines available (with cell phone numbers, etc.) for emergencies. In addition, our fleets need to better enforce their class safety requirements. These events also appear to raise questions about the appropriateness of scheduling of fleet events for which SSA will not provide RC support. In effect, listing these unsupported events on our schedule implies that SSA is assuming some degree of responsibility and, in fact, these events are often supported by SSA's RC in some capacity. This is another area where the SRC will be making a recommendation, to sharply reduce the number of such events listed on the SSA schedule, and to enforce the restrictions of use of club resources for them.
- In light of the Oct. 4 events, the Board discussed the need for the SRC to review their criteria for deciding (a) when the inflatable should be used for RC and (b) whether enough RC resources are available to support two race courses.

## JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Jr. Program is looking into potentially buying a new motorboat. The Sr. and Jr. clubs should revisit sharing opportunities.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Jen has made some progress on developing performance criteria for evaluations.
- The Board approved a new amendment to the Policies and Procedures that spells out boat storage and maintenance requirements. A copy of the amendment will be included in the club's next mailing (membership cards) and will be added to the 2011 storage application.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed nominations for the Laudeman award.
- All Board members were asked to write a short statement about the key points they feel are important to consider when designing and reviewing future storage rate proposals. Jen will compile the summaries and post them on the BOG web site.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm Next meeting will be Monday, November 9 @ 6:45 p.m.

Annual meeting will be Sunday, November 15 @ noon

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### NEW MEMBERS

Peter Bruzik (Associate)

Fleet: Laser

Andrew Cole (Associate)

Fleet: Laser

Brett Davis (Associate)

Fleet: Laser, Foiler Moth

Jim Hays (Associate)

### RESIGNATIONS

Bobby Baker (Junior

Associate)

Fleet: Laser

Sam Benson (Associate)

Fleet: Daysailer

Taylor Cole (Junior Associate)

Andy Dukes (Supporting)

Chris Foscue (Student over 21)

Fleet: Laser, V15

Gregg Herbert (Voting)

Fleet: Laser

Sam Hopkins (Associate)

Fleet: Star

Deirdre McGarry (Supporting)

Renee Mehl (Voting)

Fleet: V15

### CHANGES

Susan Ziemann (Special)

John Potter (Honorary)

### MEMBERSHIP TALLY as of November 2009

160	Voting
2	JR Associate
110	Associate
4	Winter IC
33	Emeritus
31	Non Resident
29	Supporting
11	Honorary Life
10	Student over 21
17	Honorary
2	Special
<b>409</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

## 2009 Laudeman Award Gives a Shout Out to Bob Reeves

This year's Annual Meeting included presentation of the Laudeman Award for outstanding service to the club. The award was established by the family of Jim Laudeman to recognize members that have gone "above and beyond" the normal contributions expected from members. Annual nomination reviews involve consideration of a membership composed of exceptional people that have given a lot and sailed their tails off. So, the "bar" is set high.

This year's search involved looking into the club archives and realizing that a notable long-time member of SSA and the Annapolis sailing community is not yet on the plaque. The person is BOB REEVES.



*Bob rigging his I-14 (Photo courtesy of Rod Mincher)*

Bob held positions on the SSA Board of Governors from 1961 to 1970. He was one of only three commodores to serve more than two full terms. His service to the club also involved participation in numerous club committees and events simultaneous with his Board duties, and during years thereafter.

Equally important to the club, Bob has always been a famously enthusiastic and consistent participant on the local race courses -- including many hearty I-14 campaigns through to the mid-80s. If there has been a regatta in his fleet, chances are that Bob was there. Further yet, his family has been there too...with his wife, Peggy, being one of few women to crew an I-14 and his daughters being successful junior program participants. No matter what the fleet he has joined over the years, Bob's dinghy sailing roots have always shined through...often to the recognition (and sometimes chagrin) of his competitors. Multiple generations of sailors have learned, and continue to learn, from sailing with or against him.

The record of Bob's participation at SSA is long and his intangible contributions to one-design sailing are well known among competitors in the harbor. Whether through his many years of intense dinghy racing, extensive participation in SSA administration during the club's formative years, or leadership and influence on the larger Annapolis sailing community for nearly a half

century, Bob is one of those "titans" in the SSA membership that deserves recognition. We've been darn lucky he has been so involved. So, when you see Bob out on the river...yell "CONGRATULATIONS" and "THANKS"!

2009 Fleet Champions	
Day Sailor	Chris Lewton
505	Bryan Richardson
Jet 14	Mike Parramore
J-22	Alon Finkelstein
J-24	
Laser	Brady White
Lightning	Steve Constants
Snipe	Marshall Caggiano
Soling	Peter Gleitz
Star	Elliott Oldak
Thistle	Bill Harris
V-15	Nick Muzia
Byte	Bonnie Lopez
Comet	Ed McLean/Sandy Westphal
Johnson18	Glenn Harmon

## FLEET NEWS

### Laser Fleet

The 2009-2010 Laser Frostbite series has begun. The first day was a beautiful sunny Sunday with light breeze. Ashley Love won the day, followed by Chris Brady in second and Brian Hetherington in third. The series continues the following Sundays: Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20, Jan 3, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 14, and Mar 21. The first race is at 1pm. The series is free to SSA members, so grab your drysuit and come sailing.

The Laser Fleet Winter Party will be held on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the SSA clubhouse. The fleet will provide the main course and beverages. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Feel free to bring the family. Hope to see you then!

### Thistle Fleet

The fleet has wrapped up its season and is looking forward to its Annual Fleet Party. This year's party is hosted by Greg and Joann Fisher on December 12th.

As the winter rolls on most of us have plans to head to Florida for MWE. This annual regatta takes place the 1st week of March in St. Petersburg Florida, and usually has 50-70 boats. It is a great test of competition over a week long event.

In other news, there are some really stellar deals out there on boats so let us know if we can help get you into a Thistle.

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