



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

July 2010

Commodore's Comments

It is only June, but with all the heat and thunderstorms, it already feels like the dog days of summer. Despite the muggy weather, SSA is overflowing with sailors and sailing. Regular weekend racing is in full swing, the junior program is active every weekday, and TESOD is finally up to its usual crowd. On June 22, the weather forecast was ominous, but scores of members still came to the club to enjoy Tuesday night sailing followed by awesome live music from the McHenry Trio. Despite the heavy thunderstorms, everyone had a great time, enjoying the music and dancing. We hope to have another "band night" in August, and there will be sailing clinics with various guest sailmakers and coaches through the summer. Stay tuned to the eSSAY and weekly Breeze emails for more information.

We have two large regattas coming up. SSA will be hosting the Lightning Atlantic Coast Champs on July 24-25. After the junior program wraps up, the Snipe fleet will be hosting their National championships at SSA during the entire week of August 13-20. As you will see under "Important Reminders" this month, we need everyone's help to make this event happen. We are asking that boats stored at SSA be removed by August 12. Boat that cannot be moved will be consolidated to the back portion of the lot by the Solings, J22's and Stars.

The Snipe fleet also is looking for local residents who can host Nationals attendees. Summer accommodations in Annapolis are hard to come by! If you have an extra room or some couches, please help out and contact Alex Stout at alex@stoutgear.com.

Next time you are racing at SSA, please note that the Favored End II now has its own cell phone number. If you need to head in early or provide the race committee with emergency information, you can call them at 443-926-3744. This number is for emergencies only, not for casual discussions with the race committee!

Wishing you a fun and safe Summer,

Commodore Luke Shingledecker

Upcoming Events

- **Annapolis Fireworks Celebration Sunday, July 4th**
Dark N' Stormy's will be OPEN AT 5PM for hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwurst, cold refreshments and treats for the kids. The fireworks are planned for 9:15 off the Naval Academy seawall, so once again the SSA deck will be the best seat in town! **Gate Code 3-1-1**. There will be security at the gate and guests should be accompanied by a member for entry. Check for street/water closings at the Annapolis City website www.annapolis.gov. As a guide, plan to come early and stay late.
- **Junior Sandy MacVickar Regatta – July 8th**. Come out and help cheer on the Junior 420's, Lasers, Red-White-Blue and Green Fleet Optis. Contact Joel if you are interested in helping either on-water or shore side for the event.
- **Junior Family & Awards Night – July 16th, 6:30pm**
If you have attended any SSA class from June 21 until July 16 please join us for our family night and awards. Boats will be available for a free-sail and fun races. SSA Jr Club will provide burgers, hot dogs, and drinks so please bring a dish to share. A short, informal award ceremony will follow.
- **TESOD** continues on into the summer heat! First Gun at 6pm. Contact Nan if you are interested in helping out for Race Committee.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Snipe National Regatta August 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 Hetherington 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. Thanks for your support to the Snipe fleet.

SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2010

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

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Thu, 5/13, 6-8 pm Baby shower party approved.
- Sat, 6/26, after 10 am Star clinic for 5-12 boats. Approved.
- Sun., 9/5. Cal 25 Nationals party - Marty Lostrom understands the liquor license requirements and that they need to have an SSA member sponsor. Marty will contact potential sponsors.
- Boat Storage: There are four unidentified Optis on the lot and Nan is working with Joel to identify them. Once identified, the owners will be billed for past due storage. One Laser will be billed for storage fees owed and asked to remove the boat.
- Tax information was taken to Annapolis Accounting on 5/7 for the 5/15 deadline. Nan is working to update the list of assets for depreciation. If needed, the accountant, Chris Batista, will file for a one month extension, to 6/15.
- John Gebhardt has been researching the best deals for a new office computer. If needed, Will Frece is available until the week of May 17 to purchase and set up the computer.
- We have renewed the Boat US Cooperating Groups agreement that makes half price membership to Boat US available to SSA members. We will publicize this offer when we receive updated supplies and rate information.
- In order to reduce operating costs, we will replace the stamp machine that we lease from Pitney Bowes with a service from Stamps.com. This will save the club \$500 to \$700 annually, or about 75 percent of its annual postage expense.
- Also to reduce operating costs, SSA will participate in the City's new commercial recycling program. At this time, the program only offers 32-gallon cans, in contrast to the two 96-gallon cans we currently use. We will start with six 32-gallon cans and place them around the club grounds. This will reduce the annual recycling expense from \$1464 to \$370.50, or by about 75 percent.
- Electricians have repaired one of the refrigerators in the snack bar and it is doing well. They said that other refrigerator is still working but will need to be replaced at some point in the near future.
- We still need RC volunteers from the Board and the fleets for TESODs. John Quay will be PRO on May 11 and Doug Palmer plans to volunteer weekly.
- Sean will look into scheduling two keg nights with live music after TESOD.
- On 5/4, the Tuesday before TESOD, Greg Fisher and Allan Terhune from North Sails presented a SSA clinic on rig tuning and sail trim. 26 members participated in the event. Participants discussed future events and everyone agreed it was a very valuable asset and should be continued if possible. Should future clinics occur, the Board would like representatives from a variety of sailmakers to be invited to present.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mike received estimates for painting the clubhouse roof and upper J24 hoist beam. The Board voted to get the work done.
- The electrician checked the snack bar power for voltage and found no problems. David had the freezer and refrigerator serviced and the problem he was experiencing appears to be fixed. He was also told that one refrigerator is getting tired.
- Mike researched cell phone options for RC use. The best value appears to be a prepaid plan through Verizon for about \$100/year with unlimited weekends and 25 cents/minute during the week. We would need to purchase a phone. Mike will talk with Peter Hale about this option, and if he agrees, we will sign up with this plan.
- The new Parker received its break-in service last week. No problems were found and the boat has been operating well with no problems. It has received a lot of praise from the RC. Luke asked Mike to talk with Peter about whether to keep the Parker in its slip or move it to another slip.
- Regattas continue to run well, except for this past weekend when gale force winds kept crews ashore.

FINANCE REPORT

- Operating revenue and expenses show nothing unusual compared with last year at this time.
- Todd plans to meet with Chris Batista from Annapolis Accounting.
- Todd recommends SSA conduct an inventory of assets.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

FACILITIES REPORT

- Grounds Subcommittee: A special planting bed was constructed along the First Street fence next to the exit gate as a memorial tribute to David Barnes, long-time SSA member who passed away at the club in 2009. The bed was prepared earlier in the spring by Cassandra Carmichael Hamernick. Ten people showed up on Saturday, 5/8, to help construct borders for the bed and put the plants (all native species) in the ground. Watering for the bed can be provided by the new rain barrel that sits in back of the Auxiliary Clubhouse. A small brass plate is being prepared to hang on the fence as part of the memorial that will read "Barnes Garden". Work remains to be done on another garden, the front planting bed at the club entrance. The clean-up of this garden is expected to be completed by volunteers who owe duty days.
- Buildings Subcommittee: Two meetings have been held over the past month to finalize preparation of a presentation for the Board. The presentation, scheduled for mid-May, will include recommendations framed in a formal building "program" and a conceptual design.

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- SSA race results have started including each competitor's sailing club. This helps tracking statistics.

- The Lightning class scheduled the Atlantic Coast Championship (a feeder for the Pan Am trials) to be held on the Potomac River the weekend of July 24-25. However, the Lightning class appears to be losing a conflict with a power boat regatta scheduled at the same time. Consequently, the SSA Lightning fleet had requested to hold the regatta at SSA. The candidate solution proposed to the affected fleets is the following. To clear space on July 24, the 505, Soling, and J18 fleets have been asked if they could move their event from July 24 to July 18 (an open day on the SSA schedule). To clear space on July 25, the 505, DS, and Soling fleets have been asked to move their July 25 event to July 31. The Lightning fleet would give up their July 31 event. All fleets must concur for this solution to be implemented and the affected fleets have been solicited for their input. The SRC supports this solution, if it is achievable.
- There is a new potential regatta request for 2011. The Baker Championship, high school team race nationals, is proposed for May 27-29, 2011 and sponsored by the Interscholastic Sailing Association. This would be a joint event with AYC and both clubs' fleets of 18 420s would be used. SSA would be utilized as a spectating and rotation venue. Skippers' meeting and banquets would take place at AYC. High schools sailors from around the US would be in attendance. The Sailing Committee has not yet received a formal request.

JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- High School Program: Broadneck HS placed 5th at the Mallory Championship (High School National Championship) this past weekend. They were the top east coast team behind 3 teams from southern California and one team from Illinois. Broadneck HS heads to Seattle for the Baker Team Racing Championship next week. SSA and AYC are considering putting in a bid for the Baker Team Racing Championship for 2011. It would be Memorial Day weekend and would require exclusive use of the club. The Junior Program will submit a use request should we determine that both clubs want to do it.
- The summer program classes are filling nicely. Numbers are a bit low for the 420 beginner class near the end of the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following the April meeting, the Board conducted further discussion on the recipients of the Lightning Class' Boat Grant program. As a result, the Board voted to offer Tyler Keyworth a special membership. SSA will make an in-kind donation to the Lightning class' Boat Grant program cover storage.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed a request received from Ray Sullivan that would entail SSA offering reusable plastic cups to be used on keg nights. The suggestion was to offer free beer to members who used a reusable plastic cup and sell plastic cups for \$1 to members who did not bring their own. The Board feels that while there is support in general for measures that help reduce waste, offering these cups is not a practical measure for achieving that goal because most people are not likely to bring their own plastic cups

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to the club for future use. Moreover, we think that we would wind up recycling those heavy cups along with the cups that normally get used and recycled at the club.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. A Special Board meeting is being scheduled for May 24.

Next regular Board meeting will be Monday, June 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Emerson (Student)
Fleet: Jet 14
Jerry Smith (Associate)
Fleet: Laser
Seth Cooper (Supporting)

CHANGES

Joe Hidalgo (Associate)

Race Committee Staff Needed

A Vice Chair is needed for the J-22 Mid-Atlantic Championships, August 7 and 8. This is an important event, and an excellent opportunity to move into SSA's race management, working under experienced PRO Dina Kowalyszyn. If you are interested, contact Peter Hale, Chair of the Standing RC: peterandsusanhale@atlanticbb.net.

We also need additional RC staff on July 31 (2) and August 1 (1). There are a number of Members who to date have not fulfilled or committed to fulfill their duty day obligations -- this is an excellent opportunity to take care of this issue, and avoid a fine. Contact Nan at the SSA Office to sign-up.

Adult Sailing Lessons

Don't want to get beat by your kids?

The second session is July 20-August 10 on
Tuesday Nights from 6:00-8:30pm.
The cost is \$165

Register with the Junior Sailing office at
410-263-0071 or email juniors@severnsailing.org

Fleet News

Jet 14 Fleet

The Jets had a 15 boat Konigsberg in conjunction with the Snipe Colonial Cup. Great regatta for both fleets! We look forward to the summer regattas and the Nationals with the 4 boat auction. All are welcome to come over to Tred Avon YC in Oxford, MD to bid on our auction of 4 jets. Three start at \$110.00 each and one at \$300.00. Contact me for info if interested in an inexpensive Jet.14. Think Winter! We are the only two person dinghy that races year round at SSA!

J 22 Fleet

The J22 fleet completed their summer series event on Sunday June 27th. A good fleet of 9 boats was in attendance, including 4 from SSA, 3 from AYC and 2 from EYC. Near record breaking heat made for some sweltering conditions, but fortunately the wind was very co-operative, blowing about 10-15 knots from the southwest and allowing for 3 fun and challenging races. Yet again Jeff Todd on 1329 showed the rest of the fleet a clean pair of heels, winning all 3 races by large margins. Alon Finkelstein and Dave Julian traded helming duties on 1036 and exchanged second place finishes with the team of Jenn and Gunnar Gode on 977, with Alon/Dave winning the race for second on a tie breaker.

Thursday night J world racing continues and as always the competition is hot with 20 boats in attendance on a regular basis. The first half of the season is complete, but there's still plenty of time to get your boat and crew in gear for the second half of this fun series.

Lastly, our premier invitational regatta, the 2010 J22 Mid Atlantics, is coming up in a few weeks time, the weekend of August 7-8. Back in the day this event used to attract a fleet of 40+ boats, but numbers have declined in recent years. That said it would be great to get a bunch of boats out for this years event, so please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend. As always there'll be a social event and catered dinner on the Saturday night of the regatta, so it is sure to be fun for everyone. This year the entry fee has been reduced by 10% (not too many regattas can boast that!), and in an effort to accommodate people's busy work/family schedules while still taking advantage of the sea-breeze, we'll be starting racing an hour later each day (12pm warning instead of 11am).

See you on the water.....

Lightning Fleet 329

The Dixie Districts were held at Rock Hall YC on the Chester River on the Eastern Shore. There were 22 boats participating, and the regatta winner was Fleet 329's Allan Terhune with 5 firsts and 1 third (the throwout). The first SSA boat was Jon Guth with no counting finish worse than 5th. Jon sailed a terrific series and should be very proud of his performance. Steve Constants was 3d and Joe Friebele 4th. Tyler Keyworth of the ILCA Boat Grant Program was 6th. He is getting better every regatta. Other SSA sailors were Joan Hurban 9th, the Brickell family 10th, Jonathan Lange 16th and Gary Hurban 17th (not helped by an OCS). The Brickells and Hurbans closed Rock Hall YC by staying for crab cakes before heading west over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge around 7:30pm. Back to SSA! The first of 2 days of racing for the SSA Summer Series was held on Saturday June 19. Eleven SSA boats participated. When we arrived at SSA,

the wind was from the north and very light but as the boats were launched, a southerly built and was 10-15k all day. Jim Hurban and his team ran three great races with little if any delay between the starts. Hardly enough to grab a bite of lunch before the next race started. Jamie Brickell won the first 2 races, by a total of approximately 4 seconds. Gary Hurban was 2nd in the first race as was Steve Constants in the second. Gary Hurban, discovering a new way to go fast, won the third race going away. Tracey, his forward crew, fell out of the boat during the start sequence and was quickly recovered. They were unbeatable. Chloe Constants, with her father Steve and sister Olivia as crew helmed the first race and finished a respectable 6th. Tyler Keyworth, on a downwind leg, was hit by a puff and a rogue wave at the same time. The team was awarded the Order of the Bath for his efforts. Our next SSA regatta is July 10. 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.

Vanguard 15

Summer is certainly in full swing with HOT temperatures and fabulous afternoon thermals that sweep up the bay providing nice wind to sail in. On June 26, we finished up our Spring Series with steady 10 knot winds, slight powerboat chop and 6 boats on the line. Arthur Blodgett and Julia Melton swept the day with straight bullets which allowed them to win the tie breaker from Matt and Lori Schubert and take 3rd overall. Nick Muzia and Diana Look battled it out with Scott Gelo and David Bickford to see who would take the win for the series. Gelo/Bickford continued their consistent sailing with straight 2nds and pulled away for 1st place overall, and Muzia/Look took 2nd for the series.

Our Summer Series will be held over July 11, August 1, and August 28. We have been generating a lot of new excitement in the fleet this summer with an average of 6-8 boats sailing on the weekends and upwards of 7-9 on average for TESOD! The new addition of the fleet boat is providing a great way to show off the V15 to sailors who are interested in the boat and want to try it out in a racing environment. If you would like to charter the fleet boat for Series races or TESOD, please contact Scott Gelo v15@severnsailing.org

For V15 events and information, sign up on our Facebook page and Google group (links to these can be found at: <http://www.severnsailing.org/fleets/v15/index.shtml>).

Don't forget TESOD, Tuesday nights at 6:00pm...see you on the water.



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