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A Small Boat Racing Club, Established 1954**

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**Commodore's Comments**

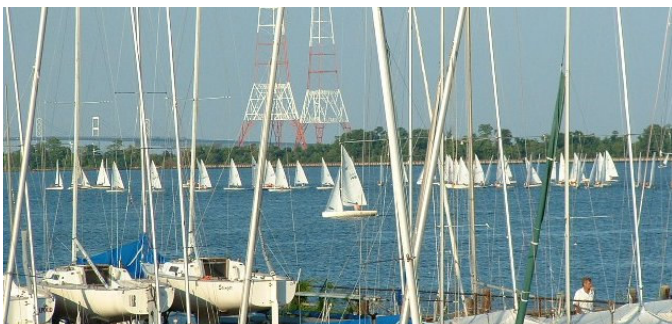
Last weekend, SSA supported AYC and the Annapolis NOOD by running the Etchells/J-22/J-24/Star racecourse, four fleets comprising 92 boats. Our committee, led by Mark Hasslinger and Charlie Krafft were acknowledged by AYC's regatta chair for a job well done. Thanks are in order to Mark, Charlie and the entire RC for representing SSA so well in such a highly regarded event.

Another major regatta was hosted at SSA one week earlier, the Laser Sunshine Open, which involved 35 competitors. While the wind went AWOL on Saturday, allowing only one miserable race, Mother Nature growled on Sunday with thunderstorms, curtailing a disappointing regatta. We should regard every opportunity to sail that is rewarded with fair winds as a gift.

Speaking of gifts, one of the finest gifts we can give to ourselves and our crew is to participate in the TESOD series that begins next Tuesday, May 6. With TESOD back in operation, SSA's 2008 season will truly be in full operation. I hope you can join the fun.

Joe

*Come on Down –  
TESOD view from the clubhouse deck*



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**Significant News**

- **Dark N'Stormy's will be OPEN for Lunch starting 5/6** from 11-2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays in addition to racing weekends.
- **Broadneck High Team** qualified for Mallory Trophy, the ISSA double-handed fleet racing Nationals. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District qualifiers held here in Annapolis. The National Championship will be held in Annapolis May 10-11.
- **Junior Summer Program Starts June 16<sup>th</sup>**. There are still spaces available for 420 Beginner and Opti Intermediate classes. Contact the Junior Clubhouse to register.
- Great new NOAA weather/current forecast site at <http://chesapeakebay.noaa.gov> "Science for Sailing".

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**Upcoming Events**

- **TESOD Starts May 6<sup>th</sup> - First Gun at 6pm.** Registration is free and open to all one-design sailors with a completed SSA entry form on file at SSA. Forms available online.
- **Friday Night Dinners continue on the deck** with Dark N' Stormy's. Keep your eye on the weekly 'Breeze' emails for information and menus.
- **Blue Angels Demonstration – May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.** Dark N' Stormy's will be open for Food, Beverages and Snacks for all ages. Get the best seat in town!
- **Leiter Clinic for Junior Women** - SSA is hosting junior women in Lasers on May 24-25. Contact Brent at the Junior Clubhouse for registration.

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**Important Reminders**

- All boats, dollies, trailers need to have identification.
- RC Substitute List/' Members Needing Days is available on the Members Only site under Reports. Please notify the VC and the office of any substitutions. There is also a list of juniors for hire (\$50/day) available from the office.

## SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2008

Present: Joe Van Gieson, Hal Whitacre, Luke Shingledecker, Jen Cook, Bruce Irvin, Sean Smith, Roberto Lopez-Aparicio, John Gebhardt, Mike Higgins.

Absent: Nan Walker, Greg Leonard.

The February minutes were approved after adding clarifying language to the MDE recommendation, reallocation of cash investments, and the Penguin regatta RC days. The UMD contract item was moved to New Business.

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

- No report

### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

#### CLUBHOUSE USAGE REQUESTS

- Saturday, March 1 – Birthday Party, Sponsor: Mark Reisinger (Cancelled)
- Sunday, March 9 – Chessie Junior Party: Lorie Stout (Cancelled)
- Jaye Falls' (Britton Ward's wife) request to host Chesapeake Sailing Yacht Symposium meetings at the clubhouse was approved, with the understanding that meetings must not conflict with TESOD. Luke will arrange for SSA to be an official sponsor; the meetings will be an SSA-sanctioned event, with no fee charged.
- Club Facilities Agreement updated
- CBS News (\$500) Payment Received

#### CLUBHOUSE PROJECTS

- 2 deck chairs and 24 used folding chairs were purchased. 2 Picnic Tables and 4 benches were built.
- Burgee flag project - still awaiting new mounts from club member.
- Fleet trophy plaques will be updated for 2007 by Opening Day.

#### OFFICE

- Boat Storage Balance – 11 Members are in arrears
- Duty Days: Down to 125 days left to fill (as of 3/6), only 4 of which are PROs and 6 Vice Chairs. Nan will send out individual email reminders 3/12.
- Duty Day Buy Outs: 12 Members = 33 days

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Aquasport was hauled to Annapolis Outboard today for repairs to the carburetor system. The repairs to the voltage regulator failed to fix the starting and rough idle problems. Mike has made plans for an alternate Frostbite RC boat in the event the repairs take longer than expected.
- We will use the Aquasport's trailer for the new RC inflatable.
- Work parties are going well with most major projects finished or started. We still have not decided exactly how to surface the JR open space area. One concept is to cover the area with a wooden deck. Another proposal is to install box-style benches for storing students' gear.
- The club is ready for another sailing season with no foreseen equipment or facilities issues.

### FACILITIES REPORT

- The Facilities Committee (FC) met on February 27. The FC compiled and reviewed a list of projects for the spring work parties. The list included construction of a new fence in front of the Jr. club-house, which was completed the weekend of March 2. The construction of new picnic benches and tables was also included and initiated during the first work party weekend.
- Estimates for structures to replacement the wave screen on the outboard side of the outer basin were reviewed by the FC at their February meeting. A bid for two alternatives was reviewed, including in-kind replacement of the existing pier/wave screen; and, construction of a floating pier/wave attenuator. The FC formulated several detailed construction questions for the contractor. A bid estimate from a second contractor is being pursued, as well as cost estimate for an in-kind structure with a wider pier deck. The FC will reconvene in late March to review the new information and develop a recommendation to report back to the Board.
- Landscaping options for the planting of the beds between the new fence and the parking area pavement are under consideration. Some of the plants installed last year have not survived, prompting interest in new alternatives. These include the use of more hardy plant species and stone "pavers" in the planting bed parallel to the entrance drive, which would allow pedestrian movement while cars move through.
- The Clubhouse Renovation Subcommittee (CRS) met on February 27 to review preliminary results from a renovation alternatives analysis conducted by our building consultant, who also attended the meeting. The information presented to the CRS included an itemized list of costs based on a conceptual renovation design for improvements to the men/women's bathrooms, as well as replacement of the Jr. club-house structure. The consultant proposed refinements to the cost estimates and inclusion of two additional alternative renovation designs. These will be presented and reviewed by the CRS at the next meeting scheduled for late March.
- A draft proposed revision to the clubhouse usage policy in the SSA Policies and Procedures was reviewed at the February Board of Governor's meeting, prompting revisions that were intended to be considered for final approval at the March meeting. There were substantial recommended revisions to the draft, and the revision was tabled for further revision.

### FINANCE REPORT

- The revenue numbers from the February financial reports look strong.
  - o We have already exceeded budget estimates for dues and are ahead of last year.
  - o We are just slightly under the budget estimate for dry storage, but ahead of last year.
  - o We are ahead of budget for transient wet slip.
  - o We are under budget and only slight under last year for wet slip. I expect that we will come in near the budget estimate for wet slip this year.
- Operating expenses are up 4% from last year at this time.

- o There were 3 payroll periods in Feb. which contributed to the increase.
- o Non-salary-related expenses are lower than last year at this time.
- The deposit for the new RIB purchase is listed under capital improvements.
- Balance sheet notes:
- The treasurer reported on options for re-investing funds from maturing CDs, and other instruments.

### SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Trophies will be ordered this month.
- The Penguins have accepted the terms and conditions for hosting the Internationals at SSA in August. John Majane will be SSA's representative for the regatta.
- The committee is looking into a proposal for an SSA seminar series.

### STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- No report

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Approved for Supporting: Herbert Larrabee
- Approved change: Kevin LePage (from Associate to Non-resident).

### JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- HS sailing started this week with 80 sailors from four schools. The good news is that past fledgling teams have reasonable numbers of sailors, strong teams are getting stronger, and tryouts are more competitive.
- Molly has been working to get the fleet in order.
- Summer program registration is going gang-busters. Only eight Harbor Rookies slots, six Opti Beginner slots, and eight Opti Intermediate are still available. 420 slots, as always, are wide open.
- The new Jr. Coaching Policy will be reviewed at the next Jr. Board meeting on March 12. Once approved, it will be posted on the Jr. Web Site and distributed among the HS, Opti, and summer program students.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Roberto will talk with the J-24 fleet captain about SSA/EYC/AYC potential roles in the 2008 J/24 East Coast Championships.
- Roberto will send the Policies and Procedures and By-Laws URL to John Potter to link to members' page.
- Sean will incorporate the SRC's long term projections for RC boat estimates into the facilities cost projections.
- Sean will revise the proposal for clubhouse user fee policy.
- John will research salary and benefit market rates in the marine industry.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Joe will edit the University of Maryland contract.
- The Jr. Board will discuss acquiring the old RC inflatable.
- Mike will get an estimate for constructing a wooden deck to cover the JR clubhouse's open space area.

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- The Jr. Program will look into the possibility of using dock boxes for the open space area.
- Nan will look into the status of bills for locker storage. The suggestion was made to put a locker line item on the annual boat storage application for next year.
- The 2008 Penguin Internationals regatta needs to be placed on the racing schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting will be Monday, April 14 @ 6:30 PM.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### NEW MEMBERS

**William 'Bill' Ljungquist**  
(Associate)  
Fleet: Snipe

**Donna Powers**  
(Associate)

**Alister Thomson**  
(Associate)  
Fleet: Lightning, J22, IC

**Justin Van Deirse**  
(Associate)  
Fleet: J22

#### CHANGES

**Jeremiah Lyons** (Associate)  
Fleet: V15  
Mary-Pat McNulty  
(Supporting)

#### REINSTATEMENT

**Amie Boothe** (Associate)  
Fleet: 505

#### RESIGNATIONS

**David Anderson** (Associate)  
Fleet: Star

**Margaret 'Peg' Wallace**  
(Honorary)  
Passed away 3/18/08

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

ALL BOATS, TRAILERS & DOLLIES ON SSA PROPERTY MOST HAVE CLEARLY VISIBLE OWNERS NAME OR FACE REMOVAL AT OWNERS EXPENSE.

### Fleet News

#### Laser Fleet News

The 2008 Sunshine Open was held on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 33 full rigs and 2 radials registered. After a one hour postponement on Saturday, we managed to get off only one race on Saturday before the wind started to decay. Sunday we were forced in by a thunderstorm prior to our warning signal. It was a bit of a disappointment, although most people admitted that the reach back to SSA in 25+ kts was the best part of the weekend! Jon Deutsch, our District 11 Secretary and member of FBYC, won the regatta. He was followed by Roger Link of WRSC in Second and Chad Coberly in third. Roger Link was also the first master. Karen Long was the first woman and Kim Couranz was the first Radial. Thanks to everyone who came out to participate in the 2008 Sunshine Open. Hopefully we will have better wind conditions next year!

SSA Laser Spring Series dates – Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you out on the water!

## Vanguard 15

The Vanguard season has officially begun! The first regatta of the season was held on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. Although Mother Nature did not cooperate, it was nice to be back on the water again. The next event is the **Atlantic Coast Championship** hosted by SSA on **May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is always a great event with many out of town boats. Please contact Lori Schubert at loricplumb@yahoo.com for more information. Finally, TESODs begin on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Start preparing now to cut out of work early on Tuesday evenings to enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

## Lightning Fleet

Our Spring Series took place on April 12-13<sup>th</sup>. As is normally the case with early season dates, the forecast can be sometimes quite ominous, if not completely accurate. The weather forecast and those on the injured reserved list reduced participation but for the six competitors who raced, it turned out to be a great tune up for the busy schedule which will follow. Jon Guth won the closely fought regatta over Jason Werner. New fleet member Gary & Joan Hurban made it out as well as our newest SSA fleet member Alister Thomson. Next up is the Potomac Cup May 3-4<sup>th</sup> and then the SSA No Gas Regatta May 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Soling Bowl - April 5-6

A small fleet - but graced by two Canadians down from Toronto and Howard Vickery from Connecticut - and a big wind from the northeast - 12-15 on Saturday and 16 - 22 on Sunday. The series turned into a duel between the top two locals - Peter Gleitz with Jeff Connolly and Andy Berg and Stu Walker with Bruce Empey and Doug Loup. Ken Davy and Manfred Kanter (the Canadians) were each able to finish between Peter and Stu once and Stu won race number two - but otherwise it was Peter and his heavyweights gradually pulling away and Stu gradually slipping back.

Race #1 was won by Peter going right all alone and being greeted by a big veer in the right corner (Ken Davy second, Stu third). Stu led the second from the start, extended his lead in a back when to Peter's left, but was barely able to fend him off coming down the final run (Manfred 3rd). In the third race in a steady 15 knots Peter led Stu by a few feet at the first mark, by 100 or more at the second and by 200 at the finish with Ken Davy third. On Sunday with the wind 16-18 at the start and 20 plus on the second round, Peter - with his boat upright - motored off with Stu clinging to his stern (Manfred - who almost caught Stu on the final beat - third). And in the finale, although Stu met Peter at the weather mark, he was unable to release his mainsheet and duck, had to tack under the mark! and fight his way back to a distant third behind Manfred (whose second tied and beat his compatriot Ken Davy for series third!)..

1. USA 788 - Peter Gleitz, Jeff Connolly, Andy Berg -	1 2 1 1 1 - 6.0
2. USA 839 - Stu Walker, Bruce Empey, Doug Loup -	3 1 2 2 3 - 11.0
3. CAN 226 - Manfred Kanter	5 3 5 3 2 - 18.0
4. CAN 210 - Ken Davy, Tom Mitchell	2 4 3 5 4 - 18.0
5. USA 835 - Howard Vickery, Paul Murphy, Gary Greenwood -	4 6 4 4 DNF - 26.0
6. USA 828 - Joe Van Gieson, Victor Gorokhov, John Morgan -	6 5 6 6 DNC - 31.0
7. USA 799 - Henry Thomas	7 7 7 7 DNC - 36.0

## Snipe Fleet

Snipe season has begun with winter events completed down south. To kick the season off back on February 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, Eric Reinke & crew Kim Couranz brought back a second place finish from the Comodoro Rasco regatta in Miami, FL.

Moving into March, held the annual winter circuit which saw as many as six SSA boats at the Don Q Rum Keg Regatta in Miami. The first stop on the circuit was the Snipe Mid-winters in Clearwater, FL on March 30 to April 1. Henry Filter with crew Lorie Stout followed by Carol Cronin and crew Kim Couranz were the top Annapolis finishers in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> respectively of the 21 boat, light-air regatta. Brian Bissell with crew Dave Hughes followed by Brian Stout with his old man as crew rounded out the Annapolis boats and all finished ahead of the fold.

The next stop on the tour was the competitive, 48 boat Don Q Rum Keg regatta in Miami, FL, from April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The mid-winters fleet was joined by the Annapolis boats of Eric Reinke with crew Bridget Crenay and Brian Hetherington with crew Ian Mutnick. In contrast to the light air seen in Clearwater, the fleet completed five races over three days in beautiful sunny Miami weather with average wind speeds between 15-20 knots. The RC set thigh-burning, 1 1/2 hour Olympic courses with screaming reach legs. Henry & Lorie were the top Annapolis boat, having to settle for an 11<sup>th</sup> after taking an OCS in race 5.

Brian Bissell and David Hughes were the sole Annapolis boat to do the full circuit, continuing on to the final stop with the Bacardi Cup / Gamblin Memorial Regattas in Nassau, Bahamas. The Bahamians know how to do racing with 2 hour lunch breaks that are held poolside with cocktails, between races. Brian & David took home a 1<sup>st</sup> place from the event finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Peter Commette of Ft Lauderdale, FL for the Zimmerman Trophy awarded to the overall winner of the winter circuit.

Coming up in May, local Snipe racing begins with TESOD's, a clinic led by Gavin O'Hare on May 17<sup>th</sup> followed by day 1 of the SSA Spring Series on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The annual Colonial Cup regatta will be May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> attracting top competition from up and down the East Coast and the Midwest. If you want to join in on the Serious Sailing, Serious Fun of Snipe sailing, contact fleet captains Brian Hetherington or Jon Anthony.



**Brian & Alex Stout (29682)**  
going to weather in  
Clearwater (photo by Amanda  
Flemming)