



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

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**Commodore's Comments**

Happy Spring! Racing at SSA has begun again and I would be lying if I said it wasn't satisfying to put away my drysuit and neoprene gloves. I have enjoyed seeing everyone streaming back into the lot for racing, boat work, race committee, and lots of other SSA activities. The air and water are slowly getting warmer and TESOD starts on May 11. A tuning clinic is being held on May 4 in preparation for the 2010 race season (contact the SSA office RSVP). Keep your eyes open for future clinics and chalk talks on various racing subjects this year.

This year, SSA is making a big push to emphasize safety upgrades for our facilities, sailors, and race committee. While I hope you never need them, you should know that the club has purchased new first aid kits located in the clubhouse and on all four race committee boats. The club also purchased an AED (automatic external defibrillator). It can be found in the clubhouse adjacent to the restrooms. Last month, our office manager, Nan Walker taught a Maryland safe boating course at SSA. Those who passed this course received a boating safety certificate which is required for those born after July 1, 1972 to operate any registered boat in Maryland. If you fall into this group, you need a certificate to operate any SSA race committee boat. If you missed the class and need a certificate, you can go to [www.boat-ed.com/Maryland](http://www.boat-ed.com/Maryland) to take an online version of the course. Lastly on the safety front it is important to note that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> the life jacket laws in Maryland have changed. All Children under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while underway on boats under 21 feet in length.

Please join me in congratulating the Broadneck HS sailing team, who has qualified for the High School Sailing Nationals (Mallory Trophy) and Team Race Nationals (Baker trophy).

See you at the club,  
Commodore Luke Shingledecker

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**Significant News**

- **Broadneck High School Sailing Team has qualified for both the Mallory and Baker Championships.** The Mallory Trophy (Fleet Race) will be held in Greenwich, CT on May 8-9 and the Baker Trophy (Team Race) will be held in Seattle May 22-23. Way to go Bruins and kudos to SSA coaches Joel Labuzetta, John Loe, Lily Beck and Sean Harr.
- **8 SSA Members attended a MD Safe Boating Course at SSA.** Race Committee born after 7/1/72 need to have a Maryland certification to operate a powerboat. An online course is also available at [www.boat-ed.com/Maryland](http://www.boat-ed.com/Maryland).

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**Upcoming Events**

- **May 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuning and Sail Trim Clinic.** The North One-Design Team of Allan Terhune and Greg Fisher are offering tuning guidance from 5-6:30pm. The Sail Trim Upwind and Downwind Discussion from 6:30-8pm. Contact the office to RSVP and/or Greg Fisher [greg@od.northsails.com](mailto:greg@od.northsails.com) for tuning clinic so that they can bring along the tuning guides which are appropriate for the types of boats and numbers of people attending
- **May 11<sup>th</sup> – TESOD Starts. 6pm Start.** Contact Nan if you are interested in helping out on RC.
- **June 21<sup>st</sup> – Junior Summer Program Starts.**

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**Important Reminders**

- **Boat Identification** – All boats and trailers must have identification. Contact [Mike@severnsailing.org](mailto:Mike@severnsailing.org) if your boat/trailer hasn't received a 2010 sticker.
- **Junior Summer Program Registration Balances and Paperwork is DUE 5/1.** A \$50 Late Fee will be applied to all balances.
- **Trash** – Please remember to recycle your bottles and cans and pick up your trash around your boat and bathrooms and dispose of properly.

## SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2010

Present: Jen Cook, Mike Higgins, Todd Johnson, David Koepper, Peter Rich, Luke Shingledecker, Sean Smith, Nan Walker, Hal Whitacre Absent: John Gebhardt, Eric Reinke

The revised February minutes were approved.

#### OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Thu., 5/27, 3:00-8 p.m. (Elliot Oldak Storm Trysail Club) Down the Bay Race Pre-party & Registration.
- Fri., 8/6, 6-11 p.m. (Elaine Lamb/Dorian Haldeman) Rehearsal dinner.
- 2010 Dues: One termination letter was sent. All other members who had been in arrears have paid or resigned.
- Boat Storage: As of today, 10 members owe storage fees. New invoices with the \$75 late fee were mailed on March 4.
- Duty Day Roster: As of March 8, there are 212 (or 27%) spots left to be filled. This represents about 128 members. There have been 28 buy outs from 12 members. We are on track to fill all remaining RC spots. By contrast, at the March 2009 board meeting, there were 189 spots (25%) left to be filled; 124 members owed dues and there were 16 buy outs. This year, as in the past, the fall dates have more spots open than summer or spring. Nan plans to send out reminder emails to all unassigned members by 3/12. Once the lottery has been completed, Nan will send letters to all members with lottery date assignments.
- Members Only website –It is stable and running on the FoxWeb servers in CA and is set up for 2010 at a cost of \$30/month. The Board approved paying for this service going forward. Mike Waters has also made a backup of 2009 and is attempting to disable the email functionality as it uses a server that is commonly used for spam and lots of our member's email servers have blacklisted it.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Board approved a member's request for 1 month transient storage for a 30' sailboat at the prorated storage fee.
- Frostbite racing has resumed and is running well, with no reported trouble.
- The new Parker is operating well with the only issue being maneuvering in and out of the slip. We may want to consider other slips for the Parker.
- The first weekend of work party volunteers accomplished many tasks, including landscaping, painting, carpeting the docks, laying pavers and general spring-cleaning of the clubhouse and grounds.

- There are four Laser rack spaces and a few regular lot spaces available.

#### FINANCE REPORT

- Operating revenue and expenses show nothing unusual compared with last year at this time.
- The State Farm CD that expires in March was discussed, but no decision was made about whether or not to renew it because interest rates have been very low and the upcoming cash flow still needs to be determined. Sean will send Todd the financial projection spreadsheet used in the 2009 membership survey. Also, Todd will talk with the investment firm Atlantic Trust Company about investment options that would meet our cash flow needs.
- Todd recommended that SSA's key documents be stored in a locked, fireproof box.
- Todd will get in touch with the accountant about taxes.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- New associate members, membership status changes, and resignations were approved. There was one termination.

#### FACILITIES REPORT

- The Grounds Subcommittee met on February 17 and discussed several issues. Regarding the parking layout, Fuller Moore presented two alternative parking layout proposals to the Board that would allow members to keep their cars locked and exit the club without having to move other cars. The next step is to test the spatial dimensions of the preferred layout on the lot, inquire with the city fire marshal about lane requirements, and estimate the cost of repainting the lot. The Subcommittee has recommended postponing repaving the lot until after building renovations are completed. The Board also reviewed a proposal to modify existing Jr. Program whaler trailers to allow for a stacking system. The Board requested drawings of the proposed modifications for further consideration. Sean plans to discuss the sink hole with the dock builder to figure out why it has reoccurred.
- The Buildings Subcommittee met February 23 and continued discussions and analyses of building design options.
- The Docks Subcommittee proposed purchasing six de-icers to be used in the basins. The Board considered and unanimously rejected this proposal because it does not believe de-icers are needed.

#### SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

- David is working with the trophy producer to get them in time for the spring season. There has been a production delay due to weather.

- The Annapolis Mayor's office has plans to promote Annapolis regattas. A representative will be discussing candidate SSA regattas in the promotion on Monday, March 1.
- A request to charge \$30 per non-member boat for the Snipe 2010 Nationals in August and \$10 per non-member boat for the Junior Nationals was approved.

### STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Standing Race Committee Meeting met on February 20 and discussed the following.
- New Parker: The Board unanimously approved the SRC's recommendation to the new Parker the "Edgar D", in memory of Ed Hoyt, a long-time member of SSA who served for many years as the unofficial "fix it" person for the Race Committee boats, the hoists, and almost anything else mechanical at the club. There is some outfitting and rigging work that needs to be done on the new boat; this will be scheduled for late March.
- Boat Operator Training: The Committee agreed on the need for operator training on the new boat, and recommends that no one is allowed to operate her until "checked out" by Mike. They are considering scheduling one or more operator training days in late March and/or early April. There was also a discussion of Maryland legal requirements for operators of power boats, and the need for SSA to ensure compliance with these requirements.
- RC Equipment: Before opening day, a replacement propane canon and a second "white board" will be purchased and a number of maintenance items on the RC fleet will be addressed, either by members of the SRC or by work parties.
- PRO and Vice Chair Assignments: Almost all slots are filled for the coming season, and Members are filling in RC assignment slots on schedule.
- The SIs will be reprinted for the coming season and will reflect a recommended change from US Sailing as well as several clarifications. The change made mid-season last year on the minimum number of competitors required to be given a start will also be incorporated. The Board accepted the SRC's recommendation to not amend the SIs with language requiring agreement from the PRO and appropriate Fleet Captains before canceling or abandoning racing for the day. Instead, the SRC will ensure that all PROs are reminded that, although they have the ultimate responsibility for the decision, they need to consult with the appropriate Fleet Captains (or Fleet representative) whenever possible before taking action to cancel or abandon for the day. They will also be encouraged to postpone such a decision until noon, if the Fleet reps agree.
- Safety Guidelines: The SRC reviewed a few issues related to race committee guidelines, fleet safety

- guidelines, and expansion of the SSA RC handbook. Follow-up on these issues includes meeting with Annapolis EMT representatives to discuss medical emergency drop-off points, etc., placement of up-graded first aid kits on all RC boats, possible scheduling of one or more CPR courses at SSA, and use of life jacket to be worn requirement, etc.
- The Board discussed the idea of requiring that at least one of the RC volunteers staffed each day be CPR certified and noted that this is not a Coast Guard requirement.

### JR. COMMITTEE REPORT

- The High School season try outs begin March 8 and regular practices begin March 15. A sailor/parent informational meeting was held March 1 and it was very well attended. Joel has also held after school meetings at each high school to meet with interested sailors. Team racing seminars were held March 3-4 for the high school teams.
- There will be a small group of spring Opti sailors sailing Tue, Thu, and Sat.
- Summer program registration continues and the hiring process for summer staff is under way.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The Board received a copy of the 2008-2009 Board members' individual notes on storage fee proposals. These notes are intended to provide context about the issues discussed over the past two years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne Acevedo

(Supporting)

Doug Corner (Supporting)

#### CHANGES

J.R. Maxwell – V15

(Student over 21)

Jim Urban (Emeritus)

### FLEET NEWS

#### Laser Fleet News:

SSA is hosted the 2010 Laser Sunshine Open and U.S. Singlehanded Championship Area C Elimination on April 24-25. Forty-three sailors competed in a total of four races. Both Saturday and Sunday started out with no wind and on-the-water postponement. The RC did a great job waiting for the steady breeze to fill in before starting the races.

Eric Reitingner (Brant Beach YC) was first overall in the standard rigs, followed by Luke Shingledecker in second and Dave Schoene in third. Kim Couranz placed first in the nine boat Radial fleet. She was followed by Lauren Schoene in second and Kayla Ellis in third. Both Kim and Eric have qualified to represent Area C in the U.S. Singlehanded Championship at Pensacola Yacht Club

July 30-August 1, sponsored by U.S. SAILING. Congratulations!!



L-R-Kayla Ellis, Lauren Schoene, & Kim Couranz



L-R- David Schoene, Luke Shingledecker, & Eric Reifinger

The U.S. Masters Nationals will be held in Charleston, S.C. May 14-16. SSA has a large group of masters making the trip. The regatta is limited to ninety boats and already have eighty-one registered. Stay tuned for results in next month's eSSAy.

SSA Spring Series begins Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> and TESOD will begin May 11<sup>th</sup>. Come out and celebrate spring by sailing your Laser!!

### Lightning Fleet 329

The Lightning Fleet held its Spring Regatta on April 17-18. It was windy and cold. The three teams of Steve Constants, Joan Hurban and Gary Hurban braved Saturday, while six others decided that we would wait to fight another day. Sunday was great, and we raced on the Severn River with the Stars being the other fleet. It worked out well with no powerboats but with shifty northwest winds. By the time the regatta ended, we had nine boats participating, and everyone was happy to be on the water.

New fleet members Greg and Bonnie Kelly with long time Lightning owner Ned Daley as crew and Chris Gildea with Tyler Keyworth and Paul Hunt raced on Sunday. Tyler is waiting for his boat from the ILCA Boat Loaner Program to arrive so he can skipper full time. The regatta winner was Team Constants with 4 firsts and an OCS. Second was Joan Hurban and third was Jason Werner. Our next regatta is the Doc Gilbert being sponsored by Fleet 50 on the Potomac River from Virginia's Leesylvania State Park.

The next local regatta is the No Gas, so named because in the year of 1973 (I think) there was a lack of gasoline (at any price), and this open regatta was established. We are looking forward to these events.

### J22 Fleet News

The J22 racing season kicked off in earnest on April 10<sup>th</sup> with our Spring Series. The fleet of 10 boats was treated to some very favorable and enjoyable Spring sailing conditions. Moderate temperatures and a shifty 10-15 knot westerly breeze kept the tacticians on their toes and ensured everyone left the water with a smile on their face.

Four races were completed and not surprisingly, Jeff Todd showed his consistency again take the overall victory with a 1,2,1,4 score line. Tom Sitzmann sailed 3 great races (1,2,1) but a 7<sup>th</sup> in race three cost him a chance at the title. Alon Finkelstein rounded out the top 3, with Sandy Adzick only 1 point behind in 4<sup>th</sup>.

Full results are here:

<http://www.severnsailing.org/results/2010/411j22.shtml>

Next up in the schedule is the NOOD regatta (April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>). As always the J22 fleet is expecting a good turnout of close to 30 boats including past World Champion Greg Fisher and some of the other "hot shot" out of town contenders. It is sure to be a competitive and fun event.

See you on the water.

### Vanguard 15

It's that time of year again....time to pull the boats out from their winter slumber and get them all ready for another great season on the bay. What a way to start things off too....May is our busiest month of local racing with TESOD starting on Tuesday May 11, at 6:00pm, Spring Series #1 on May 16, and the Mid Atlantic Championships the following weekend on May 22-23. TESOD and Spring Series #1 are great warm ups for the Mid Atlantics. Please let me know if you need a boat, have a boat that you would like to charter, need a crew, or would like to crew for any of our events. This year's Mid Atlantics is looking to be a great one with several boats already registered from as far away as Florida and Chicago. Visit the online registration page for a fast and easy way to register at: <http://www.severnsailing.org/fleets/v15/registration.shtml>

There will be a keg and dinner party (included for skipper and crew) at SSA's Dark & Stormy's following the races on May 22. Good times!

The V15 Season Kickoff BBQ on April 17, was a blast! Cornhole, Guitar Hero, and Ping Pong were accompanied by many inventive types of beverages and the world famous "burger spheres" by Jenn. There were also several new faces that stopped by and joined our fleet! Please welcome Linda George, Jon Ward, and Rorie Zuzick. They are on our group email and are looking forward to crewing for anyone in need.

For those that do not know, we have been busy over the winter months organizing all of our communications. We now have a developed Facebook page, website, and the Google Group email distribution list and news updates are all fully active. Our Google Group page actually posts straight to our Facebook page anytime someone emails the group by RSS feed. To join our group or our Facebook page, please visit our informational site at: <http://www.severnsailing.org/fleets/v15/index.shtml>.

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