



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

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Commodore's Comments

I was at a loss for this month's column so I procrastinated hoping that some thought would hit me, and sure enough it did this morning after a fun night of TESOD sailing. Former commodore Stout and I were talking about Snipe sailing last night and the topic of how intensity levels have changed over time. He mentioned that at a recent regatta he had seen one of the younger members of the fleet quite worked up when he couldn't shake an older, less intense crew downwind. We had a good chuckle and then I reminded him of about 20 years ago when he & I were the younger, worked up sailors trying to shake the "old men"!! Alex then regaled me with a story of a past Snipe midwinters where he was crewing for another young, intense sailor and they were sailing up wind and crossing tacks with another boat, helmed by an older sailor calmly driving his boat upwind. After several crossings with little to no gain his helmsman blurts out, "who is that old man (expletive)..", to which Alex replied, "that's Sam Mollet" !! For me it was trying to pass Eric & Ned Purdon in light air. Eric just sat there calm as ever, while I worked and got worked up... he pulled away..!

To me that conversation Alex and I had last night was a perfect example of the life sport that sailing can be. The sport and our club need the "young, intense" sailors to push both themselves and the fleet they sail in. But the beauty of our sport is that it can also support the other end of the spectrum, the two can co-exist and learn from each other as well as being competitive.. I think I learned from Eric that it's possible to sail with less intensity, still go fast, and still do well. Will this win a national level regatta, maybe but doubtful; and that's the other life sport aspect of sailing, as I mentioned last month, it can be done on different levels, with different goals.

Our club is in a position where we need to consider these various positions and stages in our member's sailing lives. It's no great secret that weekend regatta

participation levels are down this year. Some of this can be attributed to just bad timing; I know I had to miss our Snipe summer series due to family obligations. As Commodore I take this in a number of ways, with the foremost being that we as a club need to adjust our racing schedule and perhaps type to better serve our members. Do we need to schedule race days similar to the TESODs.? More frequent opportunities for a fleet to sail, perhaps with mixed starting line to allow more fleets to sail on a given day. I don't know the answer, but perhaps you as a member would have a suggestion, and now is the time to bring those to your board as we will be working on next year's schedule shortly.

I liken these potential changes to the life sport aspect of sailing. As a club we need to address the various stages of our member's sailing lives and provide racing opportunities that will enhance their experiences. I for one like to remember the days in my sailing career that I raced 5 or 6 times a week, but that just isn't my life stage, now. I enjoy sailing and racing in a different way now, and perhaps you do too, please bring your suggestions to me or the other board members..!

Hal Whitacre, Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, Aug 12th - Jr. Family Night and Final Summer Graduation at 6:30pm.** Junior Race Teams and 2nd half students and their families are welcome. Burgers and Dogs are provided – Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to go sailing in instructor-run fun races. Remember to bring own pfd's.
 - **Sunday, Aug 21st – Clubhouse Renovation Plans & Model unveiling from 6:30-8pm in clubhouse.** See insert Flyer for more details.
 - **Tuesday, Aug 23rd - TESOD KEG & MUSIC NIGHT – Bridgett Michaels Trio ~7:30-9:30pm**
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SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES – 13 June 2011

Present: John Gebhardt, Dorian Haldeman, Mike Higgins, David Koepper, Peter Rich, Luke Shingledecker, Nan Walker, Hal Whitacre, John Zselezcky; Absent: Todd Johnson, Eric Reinke

Meeting called to order - 6:35pm at SSA

The minutes from the May 2011 meeting and June 6th special meeting were reviewed, revised and approved

COMMODORE'S REPORT

- Hal and Todd met with bank loan officer to discuss renovation loan; loan should not be a problem; we will have to show income in addition to higher clubhouse rental

FACILITIES REPORT

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

- Nothing new since June 6th special meeting

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

CLUBHOUSE USE REQUEST- Sept 18, 6:00-10:00, Fundraiser-World Wings, sponsor/host Ellen Pappas Lutz; approved

OFFICE

- Dues –UMD payment received
- Storage – still collecting new and changeover fees; reimbursed one wet slip and one dry storage space due to health issues
- Will post updated storage lot assignment board this week
- Significant time spent with accountants to update Federal Asset Report for 2010-2011
- In process of updating 2011 insurance “Schedule of owned Vessels” and trailers on policy
- SSA email account server staying with Name Source; John G will follow up with Google to make sure we are not charged
- Accounting problem noted: when a new boat is purchased there should be a journal entry showing transfer from cash to asset

EVENTS

- TESOD
 - Running smoothly; Alex Stout initiated finish line to starboard which helps congestion
 - RC staff being filled in weekly; no problems yet
 - Music/Keg Night schedule
 1. June 21 – Music with Dirty Names Band– note new date
 2. July 26 - Music with Dirk Schwenk and Keg night
 3. Aug 23 – Music with Bridgett Michaels Trio (confirmed)
 - Clinics – still need to pursue clinic opportunities for Jul 12 and Aug 9 TESOD

RENOVATION UNVEILING

- Architectural model – blueprints to Fuller Moore ~3rd week Jun; build time ~3 weeks
- Need to set date; BOG recommended a Tues and following Sat; tentatively set for Tues Aug 9 and Sat Aug 13 with fallback of Aug 16 and 20

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- Snack Bar broken into again May 29th; hatch unscrewed and pried off; police made report and will question youths involved in previous incident; Mike will rig more substantial locking system and will purchase motion detector and alarm bell
- New SSA/EYC fence gate was installed; several inquiries about it but no complaints; we must be judicious about giving out lock combination
- Freeland Hoist and Crane completed several hoist repairs last week
- The new Laser launch ramp height is making launching easier and receiving compliments
- Regattas running smoothly; no RC boat or equipment issues
- Only three Laser rack spaces and three wetslip storage spaces available
- Large Snipe trailer still on lot due to vehicle problems; Mike will investigate plan to remove

FINANCE REPORT

- Reviewed current balance sheet, profit/loss statements, budget vs. actual table; large income and expense items in May were discussed and found to be normal
- Suggestion made to re-name CD line items in balance sheet to include rate and maturity date
- Todd contacted four bank loan officers and they were all very interested in our business

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- New Member – Matthew Fafoutis (Associate), V15 fleet, sponsors James McKenna and Warren Richter; approved by BOG
- Membership Tally - Total members May: 2011-391; 2010-392

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

FLEET ISSUES

- No problems reported with Lightning Friday night races which have had light attendance; BOG voted to approve continuation of Friday racing throughout summer

REGATTA REQUESTS

- Russ Wesdyk inquired if SSA would be interested in hosting the Corsair trimaran class nationals in 2012 (likely spring mid-week); their planning committee is interested in pricing; BOG requested more details like number of days, schedule of events, tents,

portapots, etc; recommended Peter ask for details and let them know cost would be in ballpark of \$1K/day

- SSA to host Mallory Area C Eliminations (adult) as part of J22 MidAtlantics (Aug6-7). SRC adjusted schedule so that Lynda Corrado will be PRO; Lynda is a USSA certified PRO as required by US Sailing

STANDING RACE COMMITTEE REPORT -

No report

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

- Summer staff begins June 14th ; 7 of 11 are repeat hires
- Summer program starts Jun 20; classes mostly sold out; some spaces left in 420 intermediate and Chesapeake racers
- Joel Labuzetta (Jr. Director) was asked to sail in Nat'l Sailing League team race showcase July 1-3 in Boston (V15's); event will be webcast along with Extreme 40's at Boston Harborfest
 - Joel has continued to race V15's since college and has competed in past 3 team race Nationals
 - Joel and skipper Russ O'Reilly won the V15 Spring Regatta at Larchmont YC last weekend
- Jr. program budget in good shape; bought two new 420 trailer replacements
- 420, Laser and Opti teams planning to compete in multiple national-level events this summer
 - Participation in high-level events has increased steadily over past few years

IT COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

OLD BUSINESS -Task list

- Luke assembled long-term cost estimates for docks and boats noting the large variables involved in estimates; Mike will contact Dan Lerian to firm up dock costs; two of many possible scenarios were presented:
 - Lump Sum set aside with optimistic 2% interest plus a yearly input; this plan starts bottoming out in 2031
 - Lump Sum set aside with more realistic interest assumption plus a yearly input; this plan keeps the Lump Sum nearly intact for the foreseeable future

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget preparation – BOG recommended reviewing past 5-year actual monthly expenses to better predict budget
- Health insurance compensation – both full time staff now need health insurance; already voted approval of this if/when needed at Dec meeting
- A suggestion was made to start charging for paper copies of the ESSAY Luke will start estimating cost

- Given the possibility of a dues increase, the question came up about effort/cost required to implement semi-annual billing
- When renovation begins we should ask members not frostbiting to bring boats home over winter

Meeting Adjourned – 8:40 pm

Next Board meeting - Monday, 18 July, 6:30pm

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

Art Holt (Associate)

Fleet: 420/Opti

Atle Lohrmann

(Special)

Fleet: Laser

MEMBERSHIP TALLY

as of July 18, 2011

- 167 Voting
- 96 Associate
- 2 JR Associate
- 1 Winter IC
- 36 Emeritus
- 28 Non Resident
- 29 Supporting
- 12 Honorary Life
- 6 Student over 21
- 16 Honorary
- 1 Special

394 TOTAL

R.I.P. Norton Higgins - 1993-2011

Norton Higgins passed away Tuesday night 7/26 in his sleep, he had been suffering from kidney failure and was very weak. He was on pain medication and cozy in his favorite plush dog bed.

He was one wild and crazy dog who will be missed by many, he lived a long and adventures life...he was one Snoopy like pup.

Thanks to all those who showed him such love and care which he bounced back to all.



FLEET NEWS

Vanguard 15 News

The Annapolis V15 fleet has continued to grow from an amazing set of spring events and now summer is in full swing. The Fleet will be heading to the annual Buzzards Bay Regatta Aug 5-7 there will be 6 of our local boats attending the event. This will be the first fleet travel event in years!!! and we are all really excited about it and the chance to make it on a national scene and bring the SSA Vanguard 15 fleet back to the spot light. The participation this year has been great! We continue to draw very strong TESOD participation and continued weekend series participation. With several new fleet members joining and sailing the fleet is as healthy as ever. We would like to welcome Matt Fafoutis to SSA and the V15 fleet as well as Sam Elcik to the V15 fleet.

The fleet will be having Summer Series II on July 31st and Summer Series III on August 27th. If you're interested in getting on a V15 for a ride or trying to get into the racing fleet we occasionally have charter/loaner boats open. Please either email us V15@severnsailing.org or just come on back to where the Reggae and Jams are playing on Tuesday Nights! Sail Fast and Live Slow!

Snipe News

SSA sailors Carol Cronin and Kim Couranz won their fourth consecutive Snipe Women's National Championship July 16-17 out of Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly, Massachusetts. With eight points over six races, they topped a tough 18-boat fleet that included Olympic gold medalist Lynne Shore and crew Julia Marsh in second (14 points) and match racer Dru Slattery and Linda Epstein in third (16 points). Competitors faced a range of conditions--from 3-6 knots on Saturday to 15 knots on Sunday.

Carol and Kim head next to Snipe Nationals on Lake Erie and then to Snipe Worlds, where they will be the first U.S. women's team to ever qualify for the regatta (which began in the 1940s!). You can follow their adventures on the Cronin Sailing Team page on Facebook.

Laser Fleet News

The Summer Series concluded on July 31st with the third day of racing. Series winners were Brady White - 1st, Bob Tan - 2nd and Roberto Lopez-Aparacio - 3rd in the Standard rig, and Sandy Westphal - 1st, Matt Schofield - 2nd, and Dorian Haldeman - 3rd in the Radial Fleet. A total of 37 racers sailed either one, two or three days of the series.

The Fall Series will begin on Saturday, August 20th, with the first day of two race days. The Fall series will continue on September 10th... Please note that racers can

enter electronically for all weekend series races at SSA at <http://ssa.sailregattas.com/>.

JUNIOR PROGRAM NEWS

The SSA Junior program is having a very active summer with almost all of our classes having sold out. In addition to the hundreds of beginner sailors in the program, our racing teams are the biggest and most active they have been in years. Currently our travel Opti, Laser radial, and 420 teams are in New England for a variety of events. Our top Opti sailor, Leo Boucher, finished 64 out of 295 at the Opti New England Championship, and was top 10 at Junior Olympics earlier in the week. In the Laser Radial, Matt Schofield finished 2nd out of 41 at the Hyannis Yacht Club regatta and our top 420 finisher at Hyannis, Andrew Harrington / Matthew Greenfield, was 24th out of 98. We have continued to sail in local events around the Chesapeake as well, with our local teams finishing first in all fleets at Indian Landing. Jerry Sturmer won the Radial division, Josh Paper the Optis, and JD Parks and Megan Filter took first in the 420 fleet. The travel teams return to Annapolis next week after the Buzzards Bay regatta and all teams will compete on the Eastern Shore at Miles River and then Tred Avon.

Our regular sessions end August 12. Please don't miss our end of season awards and cookout starting at 6PM, Friday the 12th. We will provide burgers and hotdogs, please bring a dish to share. All sailors who have participated after July 15th will be recognized, and all of our perpetual trophies will be presented. Awards start at 6:30 sharp. Parking will be limited, so please arrive early. We will continue sailing August 15-19 with special full-day only classes for beginners in Optis and 420s. We will also be running an all day Green Fleet clinic; enrollment in this class includes registration for the Opti End of Summer regatta August 20-21.

The *Opti End of Summer* regatta is open to all Opti sailors, there will be separate green fleet racing. This is a great way to end your summer of Opti sailing.

Sailing doesn't stop with back to school:

We will be running Opti race practice Saturdays and Sundays 10-4 starting in mid-September. Morgan Wilson will be the primary coach for this team. Morgan was on the Opti National team for 3 years as a Junior sailor in Annapolis, and went on to sail Laser Radials at worlds in addition to representing ODU at women's singlehanded nationals four years in a row.

Our high school teams will also start up again with an info meeting at 6PM September 6th, tryouts will follow that week. Please call or email the Junior sailing office with any questions at juniors@severnsailing.org 410-263-0071.

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