



**A monthly publication for the membership of Severn Sailing Association
A Small Boat Racing Club, Established 1954
February 2012 ♥**

Commodore's Comments

As I was attempting to sail my Laser this past Sunday, I was very excited to see the harbor filled with SSA boats.! Granted, it was a beautiful day, but there were 25+ Lasers and 5 or 6 Solings out there racing hard and having fun.! I found it great to see that level of involvement on a winter Sunday afternoon. I think it speaks volumes to the level of involvement of our members and the enthusiasm we have for one-design racing. I can only hope our mild winter holds on keeping the sailing days with ice on the deck to a minimum!

I mentioned the clubhouse renovation plans in the past eSSAy and as you could notice if you've been past the club recently, progress has been slow. We are currently waiting on the building permit, which we are told will happen the first full week in February. We'll see, but I am hopeful that progress will begin very shortly. As described last month the current plan will be to begin some inside demo and reconstruction work as soon as possible, requiring the main clubhouse space to be cleared and not used. We made the decision to close in the underside of the deck to give us some gathering space out of the elements. It's not the Ritz, but it will keep the wind out and it seems to warm up nicely given some sun..!

On another front, you all have been made aware that the 2012 racing schedule is out, and in it are a few changes from previous years based on fleet and member feedback. You will find that several of the racing days are designated as "short course" racing, in an attempt to run many quick races along the lines of TESOD, but on a weekend day. Also, you'll find some weekend racing is starting later in the day during the peak of the summer. This is in response to direct requests from several fleets for this style and timing for the races. With any luck these two variations in racing will draw out fleet members who either can't make the typical long racing day or just plain enjoy multiple shorter races over the day. Do keep this in mind when signing up for RC duty,

especially the later start days, as the Race Committee will arrive back to the dock later in the day than usual, but to a party!

That last sentence segues nicely into the annual call to sign up for your RC and Work Party duty early (and often!). This year there will be work parties associated with the renovation later in the season, so if your skills lie in the landscaping arena keep that in mind and perhaps do a work party later in the summer. As the renovations proceed there will be more information as to how you can help.

Remember our club exists and flourishes due the volunteer sprit and RC/Work parties are a large part of this. So have a look at the schedule, sign up early, and be sure to show up..!

But until the "real" season kicks in, consider borrowing a Laser, or contact the Jet and Soling fleet captains to see if you can hitch a ride and enjoy a great day of offseason racing without ice..!

Hal Whitacre, Commodore

Upcoming Events

- ♥ **February 1 – Boat Storage balances DUE.** \$75 Late fee will be applied March 1.
- ♥ **February 6 – Member Duty Day Service Sign-up Begins.** Use the Members Only site to sign-up for your preferred days. **Deadline for sign-up is March 18th.** *Contact Peter Hale to sign-up as Vice Chair or PRO positions. See page 4 & insert for more information and mail-in sign up form.*

Significant News

- ♥ **Junior Summer 2011 registration is NOW open for non-SSA members** and classes are filling up quickly! Information and registration is available on the junior website at www.severnsailing.org/juniors.
- ♥ **2012 Race Schedule is posted on the website and included in this issue.**

SSA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES – 12 Dec 2011

Present: Dorian Haldeman, Mike Higgins, Todd Johnson, David Koepper, Eric Reinke, Peter Rich, Luke Shingledecker, Nan Walker, Hal Whitacre, John Zseleczy; Henry Filter and Joel Labuzetta present through Jr. Com. Report; Scott Glass present through Clubhouse Renovation report; John Gebhardt arrived 8:45

Meeting called to order - 6:30 sharp pm at SSA

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 2011 BOG Meeting were reviewed, revised and approved

COMMODORE'S REPORT

- Committee chair assignments: SRC Chair – Peter Hale; Facility Chair – James McKenna (facilities excluding clubhouse renovation); Membership Liaison – vacant; IT Chair – John G; Sailing Committee Liaison – Eric; Fleet Captain – Dorian; Junior Committee Liaison – Hal

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT – Henry Filter, Joel Labuzetta

- Thanks expressed to Board for handling & support of 6/23/11 accident and aftermath.
- Jr. Club working to align vision with Sr. Club vision and utilize Jr. Club as feeder to Sr. Club.
- Discussed alternatives for incremental fees to ease Jr. members into Sr. membership; BOG requested Jr. Club develop of a matrix of options including financial implications to run before the Membership committee and eventual review by BOG.
- Jr. Club requested a fixed fee rather than a variable fee to help them plan finances; BOG pointed out variations in workers compensation costs make Jr. Club share a moving target; Jr. Club will study issue and propose a solution.

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION REPORT – Scott Glass

- Scott reviewed the history and status of the contracting process.
- The contractor bond was eliminated, this was discussed at length and tentatively accepted on the basis that we have the ability to hold back cash.
- Site design review was completed and approved by the City; landscape plan pending; demolition permit will take most of January.
- Anticipate foundations being laid late Jan; bathrooms open until May, down 2-3 weeks, new baths opening June; new side of building in operation end of May.
- Jr. Clubhouse will be torn down last, possibly after summer Jr. sailing program.
- The renovation budget was presented and discussed.

FINANCE REPORT

- Loan status:
 - Received 5 loan term sheets from 5 requests to banks- local and national; two responses were essentially commitments; Todd reviewed interest rates and terms offered; after thorough review BOG requested Todd make a recommendation
 - Timeline for obtaining loan is 2-3 weeks to get necessary papers lined up
- Given the certainty of obtaining a loan, the following motion was proposed and approved by the BOG:
 - “SSA will enter a contract with Cornerstone Builders to complete the clubhouse renovation according to the revised proposal dated 12/22/11”
- The club balance sheet, profit and loss statement and budget vs. actual sheets were reviewed; for the new year, accountants will meet with the BOG quarterly to discuss data

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

CLUBHOUSE USE REQUESTS – no new requests
EVENTS

- New Years dinner with Dark N' Stormy's - Sat 12/31/11
- Ice Bowl - Sunday 1/1/12

OFFICE

- Dues – late fee invoices go out 12/14/11; 35 members in arrears, 2 have requested extensions, 3 pending status change
- Boat storage – 214 applications received
- UMD sailing team fees pending
- Duty Day obligations – 32 invoices sent 11/22/11; payment due 12/16/11
- Lights Parade party
 - 122 attended (2010-140 attended); 64 members, 36 kids, 22 adult guests; ~10 members used clubhouse but did not pay
 - Children's activities – used Jr. clubhouse for movies and crafts; Tracy Leonard ran activities with assistance from Sophie Podlich and Ainsle Parramore
 - Silent auction – sold another \$168 of rigs, etc. will take bids until new year
 - Food prep, cooking, set up/clean up – thanks to Barbara Vosbury with help from Lizzy Struse; sign-in/name tags – Elisabeth and Calvin Frey; Betka cooked beef; last minute help from Greg Leonard, Matt Pickering, Stacey and Jason Goscha, Susan Sircovics, Vicki Pickering; and Dock Lighting from Peter McKenna.
 - Members bringing fewer appetizers and desserts; also fewer helping to set up/clean up.
 - Security – two guards at gate no issues
- Dark N' Stormy's

- D&S requested to clean up Snack bar and trash before party.
- BOG concluded Hal and David K will meet with D&F to reach agreement on responsibilities and expectations for snack bar.
- Aluminum pile – Steve Cofer volunteered to take remaining pieces to cash in at recycling center
- Office closed 12/23/11 – 1/1/12 for holiday; Nan will check in occasionally
- Need additional bank signature card for David K

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- All current 2012 storage requests can be accommodated; there are more wetslips still available
- Docks winterized 12/10/11; long hose by water fountain for winter washdown provided by Mike
- No incidents during Lights Parade; Mike asked several outsiders to leave docks; security stopped people from sneaking in; caution tape was strung in advance around launching ramps and First St. pier where trespasser fell in last year

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- BOG members were requested to submit proposals to Sandy for by-law change regarding Emeritus requirements
- New members– Dave Petty (reinstate Voting), Laser; Charles Ryan (Associate), Snipe, sponsors Ned Daly and Chris Ryan; John Wrangle (Associate), Laser, sponsors Dave Sliom and Dorian Haldeman; all approved by BOG
- Changes – Chris Brady (Winter to Associate), Gretchen Esbensen (Non-resident to Associate, Gary Montesana (Voting to Supporting), Bill Schneider (Voting to Emeritus), Erika Seamon (Student to Supporting), Sean Smith (Voting to Non-resident), Quinn Tobin (Voting to Supporting), all approved by BOG; decision deferred by BOG on two changes: Gordon Mayers (Supporting to Emeritus), Kin Yellott (Supporting to Emeritus),
- Resignations – Steve Cooper , Lucas Hurt, Vince Kalish, Cameron McNatt, Russ Roberts, Jahn Tihansky
- Membership Tally – Total members Nov 2011-392; Nov 2010-397, Dec 2020-384

Skating Night with Sailors

You are invited to the SpinSheet Skating Night - Wednesday, February 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Park entrance and parking are free. Tell the rink staff you're with SpinSheet to receive a discount (\$8 including rental skates). Kids, spouses, and even friends who don't skate but like to hang out with their dog and drink hot chocolate among friends are welcome. **Find updates about Skating Night and other events at www.spinsheet.com**

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

GENERAL

- Scheduling meeting on 12/10/11 attended by all classes
- Need letters from Open fleets
- 2012 racing schedule completed and presented to Board; BOG voted to “approve the 2012 racing schedule as presented allowing for minor modifications for typos, etc.”

FLEET ISSUES

- Need flexibility for additional races in SI's – PRO's not always flexible; hot issue for fleets
- No full agreement on 1pm start proposal; must plan well in advance because RC staff sign up in Feb
- 4 days set aside for short-course racing: Apr 28-29; Jul 29-29
- 53 days of racing scheduled for 2012 (2011 – 57 days)

FUTURE REGATTA CANDIDATES

- 2012 – Snipe World Qualifiers – Sep 28-30
Soling Nationals – Apr 13-15 (fleet to provide final request soon)
- 2013 - IC Nationals, Mid-April, ~40 boats
Daysailer North Americans, Jul 16-20
date confirmed, ~ 22 boats; approved

STANDING RACE COMMITTEE – No report

IT COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Staff compensation –Mike and Nan excused; compensation packages discussed and approved for 2012

Meeting Adjourned –10:28pm; Next Board meeting - Monday, 9 Jan

CLUB OFFICE NEWS

- **Senior Office has moved to Junior Clubhouse**
During the clubhouse renovation. You can leave club any correspondence in the club 311 mailbox after hours.
- **Club Information Board** is located on Jr. Deck.
- **2012 Membership Cards** will be sent out along with members' final duty day assignments end of March. Please feel free to contact the office if you need a card sooner.
-  **SSA has Facebook Page.** You can access it from the SSA Homepage to join. Post fleet pictures, event news, and follow TESOD Blog.
-  Olivia Constants Foundation stickers and calendars are available from the office. Calendars are \$25. For more info and opportunities to contribute go to <http://oliviaconstants.org/>.

DUTY DAY SIGN-UP OPEN Feb 6th - March 18th

The Open Period for Members to sign-up for their 2012 Race Committee and/or work party duty days will run from **February 6 - March 18**. You can sign-up for duty days on SSA's website, www.severnsailing.org, in the Members Only section. Voting and Associate Members have a 3 day obligation again this year; Supporting Members have a 2 day obligation; Junior Associate and Winter Members 1 day.

Members can sign-up for their duty days via the internet on the Members Only portion of SSA's website or by e-mail or regular mail to the club office. Notice that some of our scheduled events in 2012 will have a 1:00pm starting time for the first race, with a 4:30 cut-off for starting a race.

Members who have not signed-up for their duty days by March 18 will be randomly assigned to open slots on the schedule. If you opt for the so-called RC substitute list, or to wait till additional work parties are scheduled later in the year, be aware that if you do not fulfill your duty days by the end of the season by this method, you will face a fine per day unfilled. Sign-up now, and get your full choice of dates!

A buy-out option is available for those members who for various reasons cannot serve this year, at \$75 per day – contact the club office in writing, and include a check for \$75 for each day you wish to buy-out. However, SSA is a volunteer organization, and your participation on Race Committees and/or work parties is expected and needed. Members are encouraged to avoid buy-outs of their duty day obligations if at all possible to avoid problems staffing our race committees.

PROs and Vice Chairs: In order to staff all our needed race committees, the 2012 racing schedule requires all RC Chairs (PROs) and Vice Chairs to serve in those capacities if possible in order to adequately staff our Race Committees.

If you have not already done so, pick your dates and contact Peter Hale at peterandsusanhale@atlanticbb.net to record your choices.

FLEET NEWS

Laser Fleet

The Laser Fleet 10 Holiday Party was held January 14th for Laser, 505, and Vanguard 15 fleet members and friends. A huge “thank you” to Steve Cofer for hosting a wonderfully successful party at his home in Eastport.

Frostbite sailing continues for Laser, Laser Radial, and Vanguard 15 fleets. Come on out and join the fun as there are still several racing days remaining. Lifejackets, drysuits or wet suits are required as is registration. First gun is at 1pm.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

CHANGES

Erika Seamon (Associate)

Nick von der Wense (Non-Resident)

RESIGNATIONS

Arienne Dalton (Supporting)

Ken Davis (Associate-Laser)

David Glaudemans
(Associate- La)

Bill Jenkins (Voting)

Herb Larrabee (Supporting)

Neal Ruchman (Associate-La)

PASSED AWAY

Bo Bata (Emeritus)

MEMBERSHIP TALLY as of January, 2012

188 – Voting
64 - Associate
2 - JR Associate
0 - Winter IC
37 - Emeritus
31 - Non Resident
28 – Supporting
12 - Honorary Life
4 - Student over 21
16 – Honorary
382 TOTAL

1st Half Series Laser Frostbite Results—7 race days					
<i>Pl</i>	<i>Standard Rig</i>	<i>Pts</i>	<i>Pl</i>	<i>Radial</i>	<i>Pts</i>
1	Gavin O'Hare	5	1	Reid Beiger	6
2	Luke Shingledecker	12	2	Dorian Haldeman	8
3	J.R. Maxwell	12	3	Sandy Westphal	15
4	Bob Tan	13	4	John Zseleczky	18
5	Bryan Fishback	16	5	Victoria Gibb	21
6	Hal Whitacre	18	6	Andrew Schoene	30
7	Matt Schofield	23	7	John Gebhardt	31
8	David Petty	30	8	Phillip Schoefield	37
9	Ramsey Alexander	32	9	Elizabeth Dudley	40
10	Tip Clifton	32	10	Anne White	42
11	Russell Wesdyk	35	11	Katherine Martin	44
12	Eric Reinke	37	12	Kim Couranz	46
13	Steve Cofer	37	13	Aaron Gerratt	48
14	Jerry Smith	39	14	Ellen Thomas	60
15	Leo Wilson	39			
16	Jason Goscha	49			
17	Chris Brady	54			
18	Adam Glass	54			
19	David Schoene	55		Standard rig Cont.	
20	Andrew Eyering	63			
21	Edward John	68	31	Eric Johnson	135
22	JR Futcher	77	32	Arthur Blodgett	138
23	Jeff Caruso	81	33	Bill Vickers	138
24	Matt Schoene	89	34	Charlie Singer	141
25	John Wrangle	92	35	Buck Downes	145
26	Greg Leonard	110	36T	John Criezis	164
27	Matt Pickering	119	36T	Holger Hinsch	164
28	James Jacob	127	36T	Peter Young	164
29	R.D. Burley	128	36T	Ali Meller	164
30	Mike Parramore	131	36T	Ted Morgan	164



SSA MEMBER SERVICE DAYS 2012 Sign Up

March 18th is the deadline for regular duty signups ~ NO EXCEPTIONS

Number of days required per membership category:

Associate, Voting: 3 days

Student over 21, Supporting: 2 days

Junior Associate, Winter/InterClub: 1 day

- You may choose race committee and/or work parties dates (spaces are limited)
The 2012 Race Schedule is also available on the website www.severnsailing.org.
*Note that some of the events will have a 1:00pm starting time for first race with 4:30 cut-off for starting new race.
- Spring Work Party Days: Saturday-Sunday March 24-25, and Saturday March 31
If you would like to request a special work party project/skill, please include or inform Mike Higgins
- You may also opt to "Buyout" for \$75.00 per day.
Must receive Buy Out payment along with written request.
- If excuse requested, please submit in writing on form or email to office@severnsailing.org
- RC CHAIR/VICE CHAIR Positions – If you wish to sign up for a particular regatta, please contact Peter Hale or SSA office as you will not be able to do through the online sign-up.

After March 18th, members who have not committed to their service days will be randomly assigned to remaining open race days slots

Members will be held responsible for any unfulfilled days and scheduled to additional Work Parties and/or billed at end of Membership year.

******* The fine for not fulfilling your assigned dates 'No Show' is \$150 per day *******

Race Committee/Work Party Signup

Deadline March 18th -- NO EXCEPTIONS

Mail to: SSA, 311 First St. Annapolis, MD 21403

E-mail: office@severnsailing.org ,

Drop off in Correspondence Box, or

Fax: 888-248-8691

ONLINE SIGN-UP on Members' website:

<http://savvyoutlook.foxweb.com/ssaDatabase/member.fwx>

'Duty Day' link is at the bottom of your member page – Remember to 'Save' after selection

**** PLEASE check your member page to confirm your dates selected before exiting site**

Day 1: _____ NAME: _____

Day 2: _____ NAME: _____

Day 3: _____ NAME: _____

Additional Day: _____ NAME: _____

Optional Buyout:

Number of Days @ \$75 per day: _____

Must include payment along with your written request

COMMENTS:

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