





News from around the club:

The back lot is still full of boats a week after Memorial Day!

If you have a boat in the back lot and do not have a dry sail spot rented, please try to get it in the water!



Wind and Waves

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

Race Results for Commodore's Cup Regatta May 28-29

Triangle Race

1st Place - Doug Drury

2nd Place - Brian Retterbush

3rd Place - Jim Hepp

Rock Pile Race, Wind at 10 Knots

1st Place - Brian Retterbush

2nd Place - Doug Drury

3rd Place - Jim Hepp

Overall Winners

1st Place Brian Retterbush 2nd Place Doug Drury 3rd Place Jim Hepp

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Up Coming Events for SMBC

(Tenative)

- Every Saturday Skippers Meeting at 10:00 A.M.
- Every Saturday Triangle Race starts at 11:00
 A.M.
- o July 2rd Firecracker Regatta and Cookout 5: PM
- July 3th Rock Pile Race and General Membership meeting and Potluck 4:00 P.M.
- August 7th General Membership Meeting at 4:00
 P.M. and Potluck immediately after.
- September 3-4 Labor Day Regatta with General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. and Potluch immediately after.

Update From Commodore Phil

Commodore's Notes

Hello June! Lots of things to talk about this month. To start a few thank you's – The Baumanns for the new patio bar & storage box, Bachle's for a bicycle pump, the racing buoy placement team of Schafer & Nudge and Sue & Joan & Stephen & Kerry & Bill & Marly & Don & Marilyn and many others for great food the Memorial Day weekend. A new feature this year was the patio bar – see photo – turned out to be a fun space for bad advice. We have a number of dogs & grandtoddlers and the younger sort running around which is great to see. (see photo) We continue to have new members, with I believe three sets turned in and I have toured a few thinking about it. So look for new faces & introduce yourself.

The race season is underway, kicking off with a race clinic hosted by Brian Retterbush. We had 19 present and also had it live on the Wyze camera. This was very well done. The Memorial Day regatta went well, with the Commodore not winning. This is something we need to get more boats behind. If you have interest in learning, crew a boat. If you are ready to give it a go, just do it.

A few things we need – the backyard is still full of boats. If you have a slip, try to splash her. If you are dry-boating, put her on the east side (see Hepp if wondering where) and if you have non-boat stuff like pipe and wood on the small boat rack, move it elsewhere. I am also still puzzling out a good way to store bicycles for the summer for easy access. If you have some ideas, let me know. We need room for about six bikes and a Harley.

I don't plan on much in projects this summer, so it's safe to hang out at the Club!

Commodore Phil



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St. Mary's Boat Club

June 2022

The Sinking of "PRECOCIOUS" by John Myers

Part 2 of the Story: "Recovering from a salt water sinking"

Now the fun begins! Sinking is bad but sinking in salt water is very bad! The salt residue causes everything that it is on to be damp and sticky. It causes immediate rust and corrosion to iron and aluminum surfaces. The first thing we did the next day was empty the boat of everything that was not fastened down and some things that were. We filled our Lanai and parked things leaned up against the entire length of our house and all over our driveway. The quarter birth mattress was so heavy that two of us could barely drag it because it was so full of water! The 5-gallon water jug for fresh water to the kitchen sink had been completely empty but now was completely full!

Next, we removed the engine and began the "pickling" process. First, we hosed down the engine on the outside with water mixed with a solution called "Salt-Away". The mechanic said I had to turn the engine upside down and try to get water inside the flywheel to rinse off salt from the electronic ignition mounted there. The first time I removed the oil fill cap, a pint or more of water rant out. All the empty cavities inside the engine were full of water. *Pickling* called for removing the carburetor and spark plug and squirting diesel fuel into all the openings. I removed the drain on the fuel bowl and drain, then rinse with diesel fuel then reassembled. Next, I drained the oil and replaced it with transmission fluid. The mechanic said that transmission fluid can absorb water better than regular oil. There was more water in the engine than engine oil. I started the engine and ran for a minute or so. Then drained the fluid and refilled again, then restarted and ran the engine again, then drained again and refilled with regular oil.

With the boat empty, Cindi went inside the boat with a hose attached to a device that was filled with Salt-Away and dispensed it in the correct ratio with water. She hosed down all the surfaces she could get to. Next after waiting for a time, then she rinsed down the entire interior with fresh water. Lots of pumping was needed to pump out all this water. For the next two weeks we pumped the water out every couple of days. At some point I thought maybe the boat had sustained damage and was leaking but eventually the bilges stopped filling up. The boat had just kept draining from internal cavities as it dried out.

Finally, we started washing all the interior items that we had removed. We started by cleaning our two garbage cans. We then filled one with Salt-Away solution and the other one with plain water for rinsing. We dipped each item in the Salt-Away solution then transferred the item to the rinse solution. We changed the water and solution often. This was especially true for the foam cushions. The cushions were waterlogged with salt water and absorbed lots of the solution.

Drying out the cushion and covers was a major task. We laid the items on old sheets on our driveway or propped against the house. It took several days to dry so at night we moved the items inside our Lanai at night at first and later when they were dryer inside the house at night so they would not absorb water from the damp night air.

At the end of two weeks, we were able to rejoin the races again. Our first time out we place 2nd which was our best performance ever! I attributed part of the improvement to finding all sorts of items on the boat that did not need to be there, so we chose not to return them and thus were lighter weight.

Sinking of Precocious — Part 2 (Continued)

Items lost: Two Garmin portable GPS, two timers used for race starts, one handheld UHF radio. Some of these items are waterproof but they floated off during the sinking and were not recovered.

Long term there may be unknown issues. I have not attempted to use any of the boats wiring. I suspect that near total replacement will be needed or at least the connections scraped clean, coated, and reattached. Fortunately, we are only using the boat for short day sailing.

Lessons Learned: I normally always wear a life jacket. I tell my guests that you may or may not choose to wear a life jacket but I am wearing mine because "If you fall overboard, I will come back and get you, but you may not be able to operate the boat well enough to get me." That fateful day in February we were working with some problem and late getting started and I forgot to put on my life jacket! I have decided that in the future I will keep my main hatch closed and drop boards in place during racing or winds other than very mild. In the past I tried to keep the main hatch slider closed because I know of two instances of personal friends who had crew fall through the open main hatch which caused injuries.

Thanks for listening to my story, John Myers

SMBC Social Calendar for 2022

Our regular General Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM at the club. They typically run one hour unless the Commodore talks too much. We then have a potluck or at times specially organized dinners to celebrate our fellowship and talk about boats. These meetings start in April and end in November.

We have special events at the summer holidays of Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day with other events as the mood strikes us.

Tentatively -

April 3rd - First Club Meeting and 1st Sunday thereafter thru November April 16 Club Cleanup Day and Big Cookout After May 8th Mothers Day Sailing May 27-30 Memorial Day Weekend June 19 Fathers Day Sail & Boating July 1-4 Independence Weekend August 12 Murder and Mystery September 2-5 Labor Day Weekend

2022 SMBC Off-Shore Activities

Regattas

Commodore's Regatta - May 28-29

Saturday, May 28 11:00am - 2 Windward-Leeward Sunday, May 29, 11:00am - Triangle

Firecracker Regatta – July 2-3

Saturday, July 2, 11:00am - 2 Windward-Leeward Sunday, July 3, 11:00am - Triangle

Labor Day Regatta – September 3-4 – Final Regatta

Saturday, September 3, 11:00am - 2 Windward-Leeward Sunday, September 4, 11:00am - Triangle

All Regatta Races will include a Captains' Meeting at 10:00am with the race starting to 11:00am.

2022 Monthly Rock Pile Series

The following dates are scheduled for the Monthly Rock Pile Series Races.

Races during regattas will not be included in the series

Sunday, June 5, 11am, Monthly Rock Pile Race
Sunday, July 10, 11:00am - Monthly Rock Pile Series Race
Sunday, August 7, 11:00am - Monthly Rock Pile Series Races
Sunday, September 11, 11:00am - Monthly Rock Pile Series Race
Sunday, October 2, 11:00am - Monthly Rock Pile Series Race - Final Race
All Monthly Rock Pile Races will include a Captains' Meeting at 10:00am with the race starting to 11:00am

2022 Saturday Morning Series Races

The following dates are scheduled for the Saturday Morning Series Races by each month. Races cancelled due to weather will be sailed the following Saturday. There will be a total of 20 Scheduled races. Competing boats' best 15 scores will be calculated.

May 7, 14, 21, 28- Saturday Series Race June 4, 11,18, 25, - Saturday Series Race July 9, 16, 23, 30 - Saturday Series Race August 6, 13, 20, 27 - Saturday Series Race September 10, 17, 24, - Saturday Series Race

All Saturday Races will include a Captains' Meeting at 10:00am with the race starting to 11:00am.

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