



News from around the club:

- **New pressure washer** — assembled & tested by Stephen Nudge. Would like someone mechanically minded to fix the old Honda. Appears to be the pump. Club pays for parts and pain & suffering.
- **Craft Show October 15** — at the Club. Outside vendors will be charged for space, free for SMBC members. We'll also allow "garage sale" type tables. Will probably have a sandwich bar for profit as well. Plan is to donate to Charity. More details to follow. (Susans Supinger and Fuerst). That evening we'll have a Costume Party if you care to dress up or just come as you are.
- **New Dock Policy Voting** — we'll discuss this in the October meeting, hope to vote in November. While we are not quite full in the boat basin, it will remain tight so this is important. One thing I will stress – Voting "NO" means we will stay as is. You might vote this way to, well, stay as is or to essentially say you'd prefer something else. In which case we'll get feedback. The Commodore is OK with whatever the result. That's what being a Club is about. We'll work to ensure everyone is happy IN THE WATER as best possible next year & beyond. My motor doesn't run yet anyways....
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Wind and Waves

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

- **October 2nd is the final race of the season.**
- Commodore plans to buy replacement LED lights for the ceiling & then need help installing
- Snipe still for sale. Will take reasonable offers (previously \$300 minimum)
- Roku remote found!
- Old Man in the Sea naming contest winner: Captain Morgan
- The new refrigerator has been installed.
- New Wyze Cammera has been installed at the gin pole.
- Shrimp boil was a success. We raised \$560.

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Up Coming Events for SMBC

- October 2nd, General Membership Meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M. and Potluck immediately after.
- October 15th, Craft Show with Halloween flavor, open to public, Halloween Party in evening.
- November 6th, General Membership Meeting, Club will cover turkey/main dish. Bring a side dish or dessert carry in.
- December 3rd, Christmas Party. Need someone to help plan. This will be a catered event.

Commodore's Comments

Wind and Waves Commodore Comments

It's extremely windy at our house as I write this and I am wondering how we can trade some of this wind for the slow days. Looking for suggestions. We have a busy Social slate for October and November, and I for one hope to also do some sailing & boating and sitting around at the club. We plan on winterizing the club in two steps – early November for the outside water lines, then the week after the December 3rd Party when the heat will be shut off until late March 2023.

Things to look for:

- October 15 Craft Show
- October 15 Halloween Party
- November 6th General Member Meeting & Elections! (Two BOG Members) & annual Thanksgiving Meal (Club roasts turkey)
December 3rd Holiday party

We have two BOG members rotating off their terms. They may “re-up” or they may enjoy some competition for these seats. The Board of Governors is largely an advisory body but definitely helps steer our ship.

Hope to see everyone in the coming weeks!

Phil the Commodore

Please Welcome our New SMBC Members



Please welcome Racheal Bridgman to SMBC. Racheal started sailing with her grandfather Jim Bridgman on a McGregor 26' named "Seven Granddaughter" at SMBC. She is one of the seven granddaughters. 5 years ago her father Chuck Bridgman took over sailing the boat and she has been sailing with him. Now she plans to take over ownership of the boat. She lives in Chicago where she has been taking sailing lessons. Eventually when she is confident enough to take care of the boat on her own, she plans to move the boat to a marina near Chicago.

2022-09-18 Sunday Sail was the best this year! By John Myers

We did not arrive at SMBC until about 1:30 P.M. on Sunday September 18 due to attending church and then the 2 hour drive. There seemed to be only one boat out sailing and Jim Hepp was preparing to take a boat load of guests out sailing. Talking to a couple at the docks, they said that a couple of boats came back in without sailing because the wind was too strong.

We cleaned the boat a little and got it ready to go, then our son and daughter in law arrived and we headed out. But before we left, based on what was said, Cindi advised that we should put a reef in the main sail. I agreed and decided to put two reefs in the main. This is a simple task at the dock, requiring two pieces of ¼-3/8 inch line about 2 feet long. Our Watkins 25 has a shoal keel, designed for the shallow waters around Florida. The boat is a bit more tippy than most 25' sailboats but does harden up as the tilt-0-meter reaches 45 degrees. In strong wind it seems to sail well with 2 reefs in the main sail and most or all of the 150 jib out. Because the main sails center of force is much higher than the jib sail, reefing the main does more to keep the boat upright than reefing or even eliminating the Jib.

We motored out of the channel and continued about half way to the south shore because the wind was out of the south west, so the farther south we started, the fewer tacks. The wind speed was about 10 knots but it occasionally gusted to possibly 13-15. We raised sail and headed west down the lake. We were able to do up to 5.5 knots hard on the wind. We had to tack just before the "Rock Pile" and we made it to the north shore just about equal to Safety Island. By then it was time to head home and we ran back east on a beam reach. The temperature was in the low 80's, but with the nice breeze it was very comfortable. With the 2 reefs in the main sail, the boat did not tip excessively and was never overpowered. We never felt near a round up condition. I let my son steer and I manned the sheets. Halfway down the lake, the two women went forward with cushions and sat on the foredeck leaving me and my son to chat. We arrived back at the dock about 6:00 P.M. Roy and Sue Smith were tidying up their boat. They were the boat that was missing from the marina when we arrived. They said they had had a wonderful sail. Jim Hepp and his crew had already returned to the dock and went home.

It made me a little sad that so many people had missed a gorgeous sailing day. As we move into fall, some of the best sailing is still ahead. Often the water is warmer than the air making conditions on the lake different and often better than on shore. So just get out there!

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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If there is anything you would like to see in upcoming editions of Wind and Waves just let me know and I will work at getting it in for you. It is YOUR newsletter.

Also if you have pictures you would like shared please feel free to forward them to the above e-mail address. Thank for your support.

If you have something for sale and would like it featured on the Classifieds page please e-mail the information to me and I will get it in the next month's edition.

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FIRE SALE:

Large selection of sailboat accessories & parts:

Some smoke and water damage but still functional. Very reasonable prices!

Large selection of pre-owned sailboats, ready for the water and used sails.

Outside space and large tarps for winter storage