



News from around the club:

Bob Wilkins was advised of a gas leak at the club when he had the propane company tank us up. The leak was traced to a stove and he setup a contract with local appliance company (Sears) to be on call to service ALL our appliances for a low annual cost which also puts a cap on any repairs. Atta Doc!

Vice Commodore Phil Fuerst has sent me a note to publish about membership. Please see Page 2.

Phil Albertson submitted an article about his efforts to have SMBC assist local Boy Scout's obtain their sailing merit badge. Several local troops are interested. I think this is a very worthy effort so please consider volunteering to help. Story on Page 5

FOR SALE: New, never used Schaffer Roller furler for a 22 ft to 25 ft. boat. Asking \$300.00 Jim Hepp PH: 419-203-5452

Wind and Waves

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

- Lake water level is above normal for this time of year thanks to recent rains.
- Last chances to race, Series end on September 7th.
- SMBC will again be a water station for the Grand Lake Marathon. Volunteers needed to pass out water.
- Halloween party has been canceled.

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Up Coming Events for SMBC

- o September 29 Saturday Morning Series #17
- o September 29 Pie and Desert Making Contest 6:00 p.m. Coffee provided.
- o October 6 Saturday Morning Series #18 Final Race
- o October 7 Rockpile Series #5 Final Race
- o October 7 SMBC General Membership meeting at 4 pm with carry in supper following. Bring two items per family to share.
- o October 7 As part of our regular monthly carry in meal we will have a Chili and Soup Cook off along with pumpkin desert contest. Please have food available for judging by 3:30. Members are encouraged to wear Halloween theme costumes.

2018 SMBC Calendar of Events

- April
 - 4/8 SMBC Gen Meeting. 4 pm
 - 4/21 Clean Up day
- May
 - May 6 BOG Meeting. 2:45
 - May 6 SMBC Gen Meeting. 4pm
 - May 19 Sat Morning Series #1
 - May 19-20 Catalina Regatta
 - May 19 10 AM Racing
 - May 19 Chicken Dinner
 - May 20. Breakfast 8am
 - May 20 Racing 10:00 am
 - ✦ May 26-28. Commodores Regatta
 - ✦ May 26. Dinner 6pm
 - ✦ May 27. Breakfast 8am
 - ✦ May 28. Sail to lunch 11am
- ✦ June
 - June 2. Sat Morning Series #2
 - June 9. Sat Morning Series #3
 - June 9. Come Sail With Us
 - June 10. SMBC Gen Meeting 4pm
 - June 10. Rockpile #1
 - June 16. Saturday Morning Series #4
 - June 16. Spaghetti Dinner. 6pm
 - June 21 Thursday Night Series #1
 - June 23. Saturday Morning Series #5
 - June 29. Summer Solstice Sail and Campfire
 - June 30-July 3. Firecracker Regatta
 - June 30 Italian Dinner Party
- July
 - 4th of July Sail
 - July 7 Saturday Mornings Series #6
 - July 7. Puttin on the Ritz. (70th anniversary for SMBC)
 - July 8. Breakfast 8am
 - July 12 Thursday Night Series #2
 - July 14 Saturday Morning Series #7
 - July 15 Rockpile Series #2
 - July 15. BOG Meeting 2:45
 - July 15. SMBC Gen Meeting 4pm
 - July 21 Saturday Morning Series #8
 - July 21. Christmas in July
 - July 26 Thursday Night Series #3
 - July 28 Saturday Morning Series #9
- August
 - August 4 Saturday Morning Series #10
 - August 9 Thursday Night Series #4
 - August 11 Saturday Morning Series #11
 - August 12 Rockpile Series #3
 - August 12. SMBC. Gen meeting
 - August 17 Friday Night Sail and Campfire
 - August 18 Saturday Morning Series #12
 - August 18. International Beer and Wine Tasting
 - August 23 Thursday Night Series #5
 - August 25 Saturday Morning Series #13
- September
 - September 1-3 Labor Day Regatta
 - September 6 Thursday Night Series Race #6
 - September 8 Saturday Morning Series #14
 - September 15 Saturday Morning Series #15
 - September 16 Rockpile Series #4
 - September 16 BOG Mtg 2:45
 - September 16 SMBC Gen meeting
 - September 22 Saturday Morning Series #16
 - September 29 Saturday Morning Series #17
 - September 29 Desert Contest
- October
 - October 6 Saturday Morning Series #18 Final Race
 - October 7 Rockpile Series #5
 - October 7 SMBC General Meeting
- November
 - November 4 SMBC General Meeting (Thanksgiving)
- December
 - December Christmas Party (location TBD)

Membership

The life of any boat is the crew and a full crew makes it go the best. At SMBC we need to be actively seeking and supporting new members. This season has seen several new candidates “in the water” which we need to work together to land and bring into the Club. With the new housing development, the plans for the new swimmers beach, and just more activity in the area, we have a lot of opportunities to grow our crew.

While new faces can bring some concern, they also bring many benefits. These include a better budget picture for the club, more hands for improvement, and more people to be with and enjoy their company while having dessert.

So what can “I” do to drive membership? Consider some of these ideas:

If you have a boat, invite candidates for a short journey. The club and the lake will sell itself

Make sure questions get answered. If you don’t know the answer, refer them to someone quickly.

Watch our Facebook page, “Like” it, and refer it to others while you are Facebooking

Same thing with the website. The more we show all aspects of the club the better.

Get involved with outreach programs such as the Scout Camp’s being organized

Know where our brochures and membership applications are

Make sure candidates know we will work with them to get started

Wear SMBC attire proudly

Greet anyone you see and don’t know. They may be a member in the making

I think we could/should also put some ideas out there for changes, whether in club bylaws, or a secure area to store kayaks, canoes, bikes etc to attract the active outdoorsy person. Maybe this could be a “Commodore’s Comments” section?

Phil

Photos from around the Club



Sailing Camp 2019

9/26/18

The concept for Sailing Camp was two-fold. First, for the club to perform a community service by offering local Scouting Troops an opportunity to earn a merit badge that many would not otherwise be able to experience. Secondly, to attract new membership to SMBC! In addition, the PR benefit to us from local press coverage could amount to a lot of free promotion for SMBC.

The first step, after gaining club approval this summer, was to meet with local Troops to gauge their interest. We met with several troops individually, the local Scout district with over a dozen adult leaders in attendance to explain our program. We currently have four Scout Troops (Lima, Sidney, Minster, and Coldwater) who wish to participate. Those four Troops have Scout membership numbers exceeding 80 Scouts! Though not all of the Scouts are likely to go for the achievement, at this point, we are holding back on scheduling any other Troops for our 2019 program unless we have cancellations as we could currently be looking at many of them wishing to do so.

Winter classes will start in February of 2019. These will cover but not be limited to the following: Safety, steering basics, hazards, rigging, boat parts, the safety position, points of sail, and other requirements for the merit badge. We are asking the Troops to set aside at least two meetings for an hour each for this training.

A capsizing drill is required for the merit badge. We will need to use a small boat, such as a Sunfish to accommodate this requirement. Some of the Troops have arrangements with the local YMCA which could accommodate us for doing the drill in the winter months. Others may have to wait until the Spring to accomplish this in outdoor pools or other bodies of water. A mast is not required for the drill though a sailboat is. All of these activities, plus swimming certification and knowledge of knots must be completed before the Scouts can get on the water.

Sailing Camp on the water will commence in June. There are a couple of facets to this. First, the Troops will come to the lake for a weekend of camping, typically Friday through Sunday where they will be able to experience a great camping weekend either at the Club or at the primitive area of the State campgrounds and also work on other merit badges. Secondly, those Scouts who want to achieve the merit badge will have the time to try to complete it.

The actual sailing portion of the program would likely begin early on a Saturday and conclude sometime Sunday. The water instruction will cover tiller usage, sheeting, points of sail, tacking, gybing, raising and lowering of sails, knowledge of the boat parts, docking and other requirements for the merit badge. Regarding docking, this would be quite difficult using our docks for reasons we are well aware of so anchoring the committee boat in the lake for a luffing ingress and a push-off for egress by the Scouts would seem to be a good option.

It is proposed that to enhance our opportunity to get families involved with the club, that we sponsor a Saturday evening cookout for "Parents Night".

With all this said, we need a lot of volunteer effort. We will have a classroom session outline for anyone comfortable speaking to a crowd of Scouts during the winter and we must have a lot of club member participation for the actual sailing. Scouting rules dictate that two adults be present for any activities so for each volunteer skipper, we could have two to three kids on each boat.

Please share your thoughts of how we may continue to improve this program with me. My email address is philalb59@gmail.com.

More Photos from around the Club



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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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