



Southern Maryland Boat Club Newsletter



March 6 10:00am – Region 4 Spring Meeting (virtual)

April 29 6:30pm – monthly members meeting location TBD

July 30, 31, Aug 1 – Summer Regatta at Leonardtown Wharf

Oct 1, 2, 3 – Piney Point Regatta at Piney Point Wharf

****Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, we will NOT be hosting the annual dinner at Olde Breton Inn. We apologize for the cancellation.**



Are YOU a member of SMBC???

Although we are not meeting in person just yet, you can still apply for your yearly membership!! The membership forms are on the southernmarylandboatclub.com website under “Forms.” Simply print the form, fill it out and either mail it or scan and email. Payments can be mailed or placed via PayPal (don’t forget to click friends and family when checking out). Membership cards will be sent out to you in the mail once payment is received.

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?? Did You Know ??

There are currently 153 members in Vintage Class, this includes inboards.
We are 20% of APBA!!



Club Status & Sponsorships

It was decided over the winter break to resume the acquisition of IRS non-profit status for our organization after consultation with other boat clubs and promoters of Vintage events. Sponsorship is the main driver in this decision. Companies like to be associated with local charitable organizations. We are still analyzing future partnerships with local charities ourselves.

SMBC is proud to announce that we have received a large sponsorship donation from Community Bank of the Chesapeake for our summer seasonal events. Notifying them of our intentions of applying for non-profit status helped secure the donation.

Members are requested to stay in contact with their previous ad purchasers and let them know of our larger event at Piney Point. This would be the perfect time to inquire about a sponsorship role along with the added benefit of onsite signage, PA advertising, social media, and printed media indicating an association with a charitable organization donating proceeds to a or several charities (yet to be determined).

Please work to secure sponsors for our 2021 season, Commemorative Ad Forms can be found on the SMBC website southernmarylandboatclub.com under the Forms tab.

2021 Season Events

The 2021 sanction dates have been entered on the APBA schedule. Smokey Glover has agreed to be our assistant Risk Manager for both events this year.

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Leonardtown Update: Tocky and Jim have been working on finalizing the possible course alteration at Leonardtown due to possible pier addition that was recently approved and funded for construction.

Piney Point Update: Tocky and Jim have also been clarifying an approved course for Piney Point, with the possibility of vintage style inboard hydroplanes in Southern Maryland for the first time. Beale Tilton cannot recall anytime that this type of boat have run here. It has been said before, Piney Point is going to be more expensive to promote the event. Some of the added costs are crane rental, county requirements such as police presence, overnight security, more signage, additional fencing. Since the area is rural, and if spectators are going to be allowed, to maintain our crowd, a food vendor or two will be needed. There are 3 local restaurants. Some of our participants will no doubt visit one for lunch. The afternoon heats may be delayed because possible of lunch delays. The time is NOW for any members that mentioned an acquaintance with a crane owner to PLEASE make contact with them about hopefully making their equipment available for Piney Point. A large boom truck would also serve our purposes. If you develop a lead on a crane or large boom truck, please let Rayner or Jim know so we can help with the approval of the equipment and insurance details etc.

This is our opportunity to move SMBC to the next level. If we can put this together as a team, we can be on a par with any of the other large venues currently promoting vintage events. Other organizations will want to coordinate with us if we can show that this year is successful.



Current Regatta Crew 2021 Season:

- Commodore – Rayner Blair
- Referee – Jim Berry
- Assistant Risk Manager – Smokey Glover
- Race Director – Chris Mayor
- Scorer – Kathy Norris
- Pit Boss – Robin Hammett
- Inspectors – Chris Lawrence/Bill Edwards
- Patrol Boat Captain 1 – Tocky Lawrence
- Patrol Boat Captain 2 – Ollie Tippett

Current Club Needs 2021 Season:

- Program & Event Sponsors
- Assistant Referee
- Risk Manager
- Boat Ramp Launch (2 people)
- Overnight Pit Security
- Food Truck Vendor(s)
- Apparel Tent / 50/50 Raffle Workers
- Volunteer Lunch Coordinator
- Crane/Boom Truck (Piney Point)
- Dive Team (Piney Point)
- Tractor Drivers (2 drivers; 2 tractors)
- Fencing for around Pit Area (both events)
- Announcer & PA System
- Patrol Boat Captains (1 or 2 Piney Point)
- Patrol Boat Crew (2 Leonardtown; 3 or 4 Piney Point)

Sanction Updates from Tocky

Reviewed the APBA and insurance course site setback requirements for 2021 posted on the APBA resources webpage. The course setbacks for on shore spectators, shoreline and spectator fleet remain the same as previous years. No changes needed to the current course layout.

Per APBA requirements, new photos of a course site must be taken every three years and submitted to APBA with the sanction and insurance documentation. This year it's time for photos of the Leonardtown site. New photos were taken in October, 2020 and are ready for APBA submittal at the appropriate time.

The Coast Guard Event Permit application for the Leonardtown Regatta is in process. The application should be completed the first week of March.

The Town of Leonardtown approved Phase II of the Leonardtown Wharf Pier project. Phase II is a 120 foot extension of the "T" at the end of the pier. A date for the start of the project was not provided. Based on the site plan and dock layout drawings it doesn't appear the pier extension will impact the current course layout. Once the pier extension is installed it may require minimal alterations to the course.

Many thanks to Jim Berry for providing his boat and knowledge of St. Georges Creek on Saturday, December 19 to perform an on-water course site survey of Piney Point. That's right, the week before Christmas club members were out on the water reviewing shallow areas, water depths and setback considerations. Utilizing this information along with APBA setback requirements a preliminary Piney Point course layout has been designed.

If the Piney Point event receives approval, additional patrol boats may be needed for the event. At least one more patrol boat and possibly a fourth may be required. If you know of anyone interested in assisting with patrol boat duties during the event, please bring their name to an upcoming SBMC meeting. Per APBA requirements, persons on patrol boats must be at least 18 years old.

