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Fellow Captains,

The Smith Mountain Lake Boating Association has been hard at work since the end of last year's successful event to make the 2012 poker run **THE PREMIER** event on the east coast. After the long winter is over, you will be ready for one of the longest running poker run events in the US. The SMLBA is proud to announce that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tom Maynard Memorial Poker Run will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 and this is your **VIP** invitation. We have kept the successful changes from the 2011 poker run and the 2012 event is setting up to be one of the most memorable SMLBA Poker Runs.

First, the opening festivities on Friday night May 18<sup>th</sup> will be held at Bridgewater Plaza (Mangos) with dinner and two bands. The Kings and Fuzzy Logic will keep everyone dancing and this year the SMLBA will once again provide bus transportation to and from Mariners Landing. The Saturday events will all take place at Mariners Landing. They will have 75 slips available (with security). If you want to leave your boat (in your assigned slip) overnight the \$8.00 docking fee is complimentary for participants. The Captains meeting (mandatory) and the start of the poker run will be at Mariners Landing and the awards banquet/dinner/dance upon your return. Once again this year we will have a complimentary Beer Garden starting at 4:00pm with access to the pool (weather permitting). New this year, if participants are interested, Mariners Landing will provide the same room rates if you want to arrive on Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> for a fun run to a place to be determined by participants. This is something that has been requested by our Captains in recent years so come early and have an extra day of fun! Check our website for updates and the complete agenda [www.smlba.com](http://www.smlba.com)

We have secured the same room rates as last year for the condos at Mariners Landing so you can stay and play at the same location. The SMLBA with Mariners Landing has blocked 60 condos that will be available on January 2, 2012 until March 1, 2012 on a first come first serve basis. Our special (plus taxes and 5% amenity fee) rate is:

Pointe One Bedroom, One Bath Studio Suite = \$99.00/night

Pointe One Bedroom, One Bath Waterfront Condominium = \$139.00/night

Pointe Two Bedroom, Two Bath Waterfront Condominium = \$179.00/night

Pointe Three Bedroom, Two Bath Waterfront Condominium = \$219.00/night

Tell Mariners that you are with the poker run when making reservations.

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Your charge will occur, but refunds are available two weeks prior to the event. This is a magnificent resort with a championship 18 hole golf course. Check out their website at [www.marinerslanding.com](http://www.marinerslanding.com) and [www.marinerslandinggolf.com](http://www.marinerslandinggolf.com). Please ask for early check in if needed at no additional charge and it will be granted if room is not booked. Also a late checkout of 12pm for no additional charge is possible if your room is not booked for the following Sunday. Note: rates may go up after April 2012.

This is the unofficial start of the season at Smith Mountain Lake and because of the success in recent years, we are not only anticipating a full 75 boats, but an early sellout as well. Send in your registration form and \$350.00 for two players now.

You may add additional players and guest later (see player registration form). Be sure to note Captains name on the form.

Do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions. Thank-you for your support, and please boat safely.

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Smith Mountain Lake Poker Run

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**NOTE: You can register online at [www.smlba.com](http://www.smlba.com) Click “Poker Run” then “Register Now!”**