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Charles Gilbert, Commodore

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The government is back to work, the marina is open, and we've finally started sailing again following the 16-day closure. We had a very successful maintenance day to kick-off the sailing again. *Rebecca* and *Skirmish* have newly repaired sails, and the

Scot sails have been reinforced at their tacks and clews. Our official racing season has come to a close, as well as our social sails. The board is starting to prepare for next year, with our elections for next year's board members already underway. Please be sure to vote for our terrific candidates. The election closes on Tuesday, November 12th, when we have our annual membership meeting. Last and certainly not least, we will be having our Hail and Farewell dinner on November 16th. H&F is a great time to reward all of our great volunteers, without which our club would not be able to run, say farewell to this year's board members, hail our new board members for 2014, and have a great dinner and dancing with our fellow sailors. Hope to see many of you there!

Charles

The SCOW Boutique is open for business!
Click here and shop for cool club stuff at <http://stores.inksoft.com/SCOW/Products>

SAVE THE DATE!
Hail and Farewell is Saturday, November 16th!
Watch your email for more details!

It's after October 1st, don't forget to wear your PFD!



Is Your Info Current?

In preparation for an updated membership directory, please take a minute today to do the following:

Visit scow.org, then scroll down and log in. Luis has kindly made a link to assist you if you've forgotten your password. Click on the link **view profile at the bottom left of the page** and make any updates that need to be made to your entry. If your status says "lapsed", please send me a [message](#) so that I can correct it.

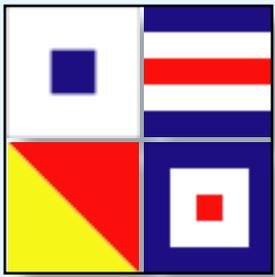
Based on feedback from members, directory entries will include your name, e-mail address and phone number(s). If you want your name only to appear in the directory, please [send me a message](#) and let me know. Be sure to include your full name somewhere in the message, as it is not always obvious who is writing based on the e-mail address.

The directory will be a useful resource, and will identify our Officers, Directors and Chairs of the various committees as elected next month. It will also include a lists of skippers, each boat's bosun and our club policies and bylaws. However, the directory is **not** to be used for business unrelated to the Sailing Club of Washington.

Thank you in advance for your quick attention to this!

Barbara
membership@scow.org





October 2013 Election Time! Here are the 2014 Board Nominees

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It's time once again to cast your votes for the SCOW Board positions for the upcoming year. Online voting will be available through Saturday, November 10th, 2012 at <http://scow.org/2013Election>.

You can also cast your vote at the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. See page 27 for more information about that.

Here is an introduction of the individuals who have been nominated to serve in these positions:



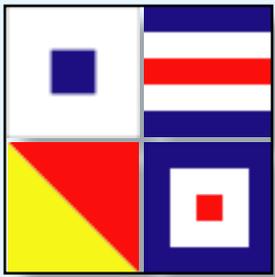
Chris Tindal
Nominee for Commodore

Chris Tindal joined SCOW in 2010 and quickly set his sights on becoming a Flying Scot skipper. Chris

learned to sail as a teenager (just a few years ago), and perfected his skills on the water at the U.S. Naval Academy. He spent five years on Active Duty in the Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer, and then transferred over to the Navy Reserves for another 25 years. While he was stationed at Newport, RI as an Ensign, he was a sailing instructor for the Navy Marina on the base. Chris is now a Cruiser and Flying Scot skipper, and helps out SCOW as a qualified Flying Scot water instructor and capsized instructor.

Candidate Statement:

I enjoy sailing and being a part of a great organization like SCOW. There is a wealth of knowledge and unique skills within our membership. It is fortunate that many members want to share their love of sailing and teach others about the passion of being on the water. I truly enjoy meeting new members, and people that are new to sailing. I love to see the growing smiles on fresh faces when they take the tiller for the first time and experience the thrill of capturing the power of the wind. I want to continue our mission of getting people excited about sailing. The enthusiastic leadership has kept the club at the top of its game. I want to continue that tradition, and keep our club strong and filled with many various activities and opportunities.



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Luis Rivas
Nominee for Vice Commodore

Luis started sailing around 2000 but only joined SCOW in July 2010. He recently completed his cruising and bareboat

certifications with US Sailing and is looking forward to his first Caribbean charter next spring. He has enjoyed cruising on the Potomac, Chesapeake Bay and Long Island sound. Luis is both a Flying Scot and Cruiser skipper and tries to participate in as many social sails as possible. He has served as SCOW Maintenance Director since mid 2012 and is currently *Rebecca's* bosun.

Candidate Statement:

SCOW is such a fantastic organization and I enjoy being a part of it. From the social sails that introduce sailing to new folks, to the new friendships that develop over a full moon raft-up, to a member's joy when fixing something on a boat for the first time and to the thrill of winning a race, SCOW has a little

something for everyone. These and other experiences is what makes SCOW great and I want to continue to contribute to the club's mission of providing opportunities for learning, sailing and racing on the Potomac.

Adam Cromie
Nominee for Treasurer

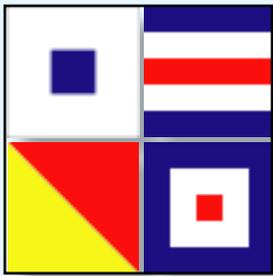


Adam joined SCOW in 2013 after recently renewing his interest in the sport of sailing. He grew up in Western Pennsylvania and learned to sail at summer camp on Lake Erie as a youngster. However, Adam didn't rekindle his love for the water until his wife purchased him DC Sail lessons for his birthday in 2012 (mostly to get him out of the house). When Adam and his wife moved from Capitol Hill to Alexandria, it seemed a natural fit to check out SCOW and Washington Sailing Marina to continue getting out on the water.

Adam's real interest in returning to sailing was trying his hand at racing, and he has learned a great deal from more experienced SCOW members through Sunday racing and Leukemia Cup, which he participated in for the first time this year. Going forward, Adam is looking forward to getting more time on the cruisers and eventually being certified as a skipper. Since Joe Bonnani left for the greener pastures of business school, Adam has served as Treasurer and is interested in the office for 2014.

Candidate Statement:

I feel privileged to have met so many passionate, friendly sailors as a new SCOW member. Everyone has been quick to share what they've learned in their time on the water and I have been invariably welcomed by the more experienced members. My experience on the water is limited and I am constantly asking for help. Serving as Treasurer for the last few months has allowed me to do my part to help the people who have been so unbelievably helpful to me as I attempt to learn more about sailing. For that reason, I hope to have the opportunity to continue serving in 2014.



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David Beckett
Nominee for Training Director

Dave started a lifelong love of sailing when he taught himself how to sail on an old Sailfish on a lake

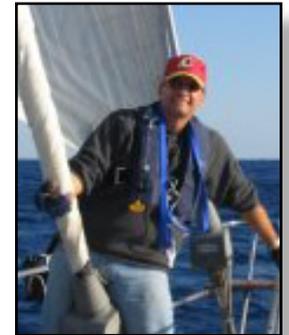
in upstate New York when he was 14 years old. His love of boats and the water inspired him to serve twenty years on active duty as a US Navy diver. Although the demands of the Navy often left little time for sailing, Dave had the opportunity to sail on boats of various sizes ranging from daysailers up to a 44 foot catamaran in some great sailing locations like San Diego, Kaneohe Bay, Hi, and Guam. While most of his sailing time has been spent on the water with his family, during his last tour of duty in Hawaii he regularly crewed on a J-24 in a small, but competitive racing fleet on Kaneohe Bay. Dave's 30 plus years of sailing experience and his experience in conducting high risk operational activities and training have honed a keen eye for safety and attention to detail. Dave joined SCOW this past summer, qualified as a Flying Scot

skipper, and has been active in racing and assisting with maintenance issues. He and his sons have been regulars at Wednesday night races and also competed in the 2013 Cantina Cup, 2013 NCR Leukemia Cup, and the SCOW Fall Race Series.

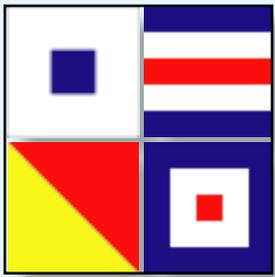
Candidate Statement:

Although I've only been a SCOW member for a short time, I can tell that it's a well-run organization. I was impressed by the quality, detail, and the well placed humor of the SCOW skipper qualification documents and the low key, yet professional manner of the volunteers who helped my son and I achieve our Flying Scot skipper qualifications. Through the membership and qualification process, as well as, racing, I've met a lot of genuinely nice people who love sailing and are eager to learn more about it. I love boats and the water, and I love coaching and mentoring. While DC won't appear in a magazine as a destination sailing venue, the combination of challenges from the tides, currents, variable winds, and shoals presents a unique opportunity to learn many universal aspects of sailing and seamanship in a relatively safe environment. I'm looking forward to contributing to SCOW in any way possible, especially in the areas of Training, Racing, and Maintenance.

Rob Reuter
Nominee for Secretary



Rob has been sailing for seven years. He has spent most of his sailing career as crew aboard keelboats racing on the Chesapeake Bay in the West River and Herrington Harbour. Most recently, he has used this experience and his SCOW FS Skipper training to undertake two racing campaigns in 2013. Rob says, "Being on the helm is a whole new experience in racing and I am fortunate to have joined SCOW for this great experience. I still have a lot to learn." Rob lives in Alexandria, and has two daughters and one grand daughter.



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Jim Talley
*Nominee for
Maintenance
Director*

Jim has enjoyed sailing since his childhood, which began sailing (and capsizing) his father's Sunfish

on a variety of lakes around Central NY. About ten years ago, Jim resumed his sailing activities with some friends that were SCOW skippers and he would periodically crew on the Scots. Jim also attended some of the social sails. Two years ago, when he decided to pursue his passion, Jim joined SCOW and last year, he earned his Scot skipper certification. The rest is history.

Candidate Statement:

I joined SCOW two years ago and have had a wonderful time. I truly enjoy sailing and spending time with the wonderful people in the club. We are blessed to have a growing club with a variety of activities both on the

water and off. Overall, our boat fleet is in very good condition, due to the efforts of our maintenance director, bosuns, and member volunteers. But fleet maintenance is an on-going activity and we need to remain diligent. I look forward to the opportunity to be our next Maintenance Director and work with all the club members to keep our boats in shipshape condition.

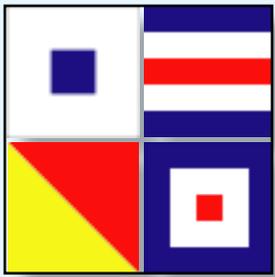


Kristine Sadusky
*Nominee for River/
Bay Activities
Director*

Kristine joined SCOW in the spring of 2012. She jumped right in, playing an

active role as a chef for social sails, learning the role of dock master, participating in raft-ups, learning about racing, and attending club events such as guest speaker presentations, maintenance day, and monthly

meetings. This season she has served SCOW as the Social Director. Her contributions have included planning social sails, re-up brunch, maintenance day breakfast, and our upcoming Hail and Farewell celebration. Her interest in sailing was sparked by a love of the water and of learning new sports. This season she took her first basic sailing training course and looks forward to getting more experience and practice on the water. She is a high school physical education teacher and enjoys many active pursuits including cycling, running, kayaking, and hiking. Her cousin introduced her to sailing years ago on the Chesapeake Bay and also learned to sail through SCOW training courses. Kristine has enjoyed serving on the board this season and hopes to have the opportunity plan some new and exciting river and bay events for the upcoming 2014 SCOW season.



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Julian Mallett
*Nominee for
Racing Director*

Julian is a recent member of SCOW, having relocated recently from Boston. He has

been sailing and boat building for more than 40 years. His first major project was a Hartley TS 18 built from plywood in the mid-70's which he sailed in the North Sea and off the coast of Holland. As a result of his working career he lived in several countries which enabled him to enjoy sailing in many different locations including the Malacca Straits, Swan River, Perth and the South China Seas. His past club affiliations include Kingston Rowing Club, Royal Selangor Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, and the Bass River Yacht Club, the oldest sailing club on Cape Cod. His small boat experience includes his Fireball Dinghy, Mercury's, J/22s an O'Day 15, a Bettle Cat and various Puddle Ducks, Sharpies and a Proa he built with his two sons during their teen-age years.

He regularly races a Wianno Senior on Nantucket Sound and participates each year in the Scudder Cup . During the short time he has been at SCOW Julian has participated regularly in Wednesday night racing, the Presidents Cup and the recent DC Sail Halloween Regatta. At SCOW Julian has been involved in maintenance of the Flying Scots and occasional Dockmaster duties.

Candidate Statement:

SCOW has been a wonderful experience for me and has led to a number of good friendships. I am eager to contribute to the club in any way possible including the racing program and Flying Scot repair and maintenance. I look forward to working with the club and other keen racers to strengthening the racing program at SCOW.



Chris McGraw
*Nominee for Social
Director*

Chris McGraw joined SCOW in 2007 and has plunged into sailing

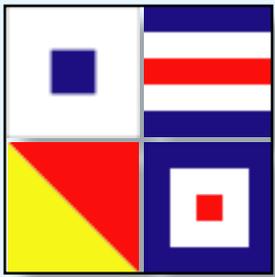
for years. He races FJs, Scots, one-designs, and Cruisers and sails in far-off locales from Belize to Bermuda.

Chris has served in various positions on the Board as former Commodore, Person-in-charge-of-Vices-or-something-like-that, Training Director, and Director-at-Large. He helped buy *Hiatus*, *Skirmish* and *Elisse* with a great group of volunteers on the Board and Boat Assets Committee and helped to get club members certified in CPR and First Aid and to get our boats prepared to pass Vessel Safety Checks.

Chris serves as a single-hand Flying Scot and Cruiser skipper, an instructor, racing skipper, bosun, and check-out skipper. He is a black-belt in US Sailing, holding Level I, II, and III Sailing Instructor and Coach certifications and won a bet with Hall-of-Fame sailor, Gary Jobson, to get him to wear a kilt. He is active in social causes including the Leukemia Cup where Team Tartan raises funds to fund cancer research.

Candidate statement:

What a great group of people SCOW has! I look forward to having the opportunity of contributing to the great camaraderie and wonderful volunteers of the club with fun social events.



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Dan Sandhaus
Nominee for Skipper Certification Director

Hello. I have been involved with SCOW for many years. I was

active in the late 1980s until 1993, moved away to New Mexico for six years and then returned to the Washington area in 1998. I just rejoined SCOW about 5 years ago. I have been sailing for over 35 years now. I first learned to sail at the University of Maryland where we drove out to the bay for sailing classes. Then I floundered around for about 10 years sailing several times a season and getting into all kinds of trouble. I can't recall when it finally 'clicked' and I really understood sailing. I especially enjoy sailing the Flying Scots and sailing catamarans at the beach and in the Caribbean. Now I have the pleasure of teaching on-the-water for the basic sailing classes at SCOW, and I think my students benefit from my experiences, and I believe I get them to that 'aha' moment of understanding sailing much quicker. I was an

instructor on the Flying Scots at Bell Haven Marina many years ago, and now with SCOW for the past two seasons. I worked on the SCOW ChaNNels newsletter and was the racing coordinator for the Also-Ran Regatta back in my earlier days with SCOW. That was when we did all the newsletters and flyer layouts by hand. In 2009, I took over as Skipper Director midway through the year and continued through the 2010 season. I am an active participant at social sails, club racing, and other SCOW functions.

Candidate Statement:

My primary goal as Skipper Director is to ensure that everyone who wants to become a club skipper gets through the process in a timely manner. I am active in the training program, and I am a tutor and check-out skipper, so I know what is involved. My secondary goal is to maintain safety. Ongoing training on sailing skills and equipment maintenance are key components of this goal. The club has made some significant strides in the three years since I was last Skipper Director, due to the excellent leadership of our recent commodores and board members, and I thank them for their efforts.



Barbara Thacker
Nominee for Membership Director

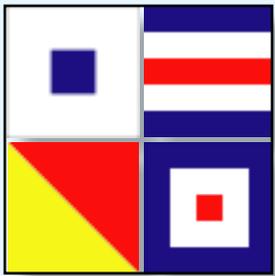
Barbara first learned to sail on a small lake in Pennsylvania in 2008 and

joined SCOW in 2011. She is a Flying Scot skipper and an enthusiastic crew member in the DISC Tuesday night races on *Too Many Cooks*. Barb has served as editor of ChaNNels for the past year and volunteers through SCOW in support of the Special Olympics sailing program.

Candidate Statement:

I have found SCOW members to be generous in sharing their sailing knowledge and experience. I will enjoy the opportunity to continue serving as Membership Director, and contribute efforts to preserve this wonderful club culture.





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BoatUS Perks for SCOW Members

Jan Earle, Skipper Director

SCOW has renewed its “club affiliation” with Boat US and that means benefits for you if you wish to become a BoatUS member.

For only \$15 (a 50% discount on BoatUS Membership dues), members of SCOW will have access to over 26 BoatUS benefits and services, including:

- On water and on road towing service
- Group rate marine insurance program
- Discounts at West Marine
- Discounts on fuel, repairs and transient slips at over 1,000 marinas.

Be sure to join or renew your BoatUS Membership using the SCOW group code: GA80156S.

In addition, BoatUS provides an “unlimited on-the-water towing” policy for \$125 per year for members.

Contact: www.BoatUS.com
or 1-800-395-2628 (8a-7p Eastern time)

Fall Maintenance Day, Much Accomplished!

Many thanks to all who came out for our Fall Maintenance Day on October 19th. Thanks to our fabulous Social Director, members arrived to enjoy hot coffee and donuts, and Kristine also made sure volunteers had pizza for lunch, with Rich’s help. Our fleet was in good shape because of the ongoing attention of our tireless Maintenance Director, Luis, and some other very dedicated members. Some of the tasks that were tended to this time included centerboard repair and a very intense bottom cleaning for Suzie-Q, and some remarkable locker reorganization led by Ute and Martha. Here are some shots of the day’s work, and you can enjoy more from William Smith at <https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/116987242598202563329/albums/5937558849399059937?authkey=CJqertyPkaaeMw>

Enjoy this video capturing the spirit of the day, created by William Smith

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWGJvIoSHi8>



Left: Ute organizes and inspects the sail inventory work performed below by Jim, Vincent and Randy.



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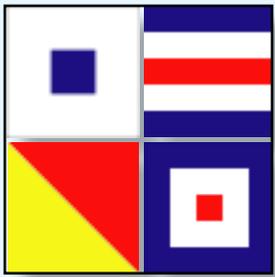
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photos by William Smith
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*Rich and
Kristine
make sure
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and drink
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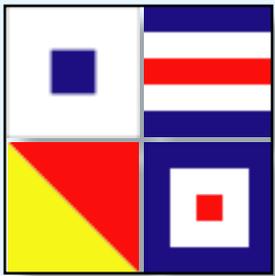
Chris attaches a burgie line.



*Volunteers
discuss
plans for the
day.*



*Jonathan belays
for Chris as Luis
stands by.*



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Kevin, Bill and Julian are part of the group effort of Suzie-Q's bottom cleaning.



(Left) Richard and Greg, along with (right) Nancy and Jim, were part of the team that made new log books and safety bags for the entire fleet.

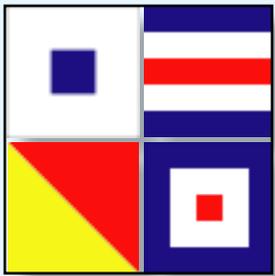


(Above) Peter makes repairs to Suzie-Q's centerboard, while (left) Laura and Rob tackle her rudder assembly.



(Above) Jim, Dick and Greg tending to Sunset Song.





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Fall Maintenance Day ended with reefing procedure instruction by our Skipper Director, Jan. All Flying Scot skippers will be required to demonstrate proper reefing techniques. Our new Scot sails have just returned from repairs at both the tack and clew, and proper reefing techniques will help ensure their long life, as well as provide a safer sailing condition in high winds.



(Left) Jan discusses reefing with Neil and other members.

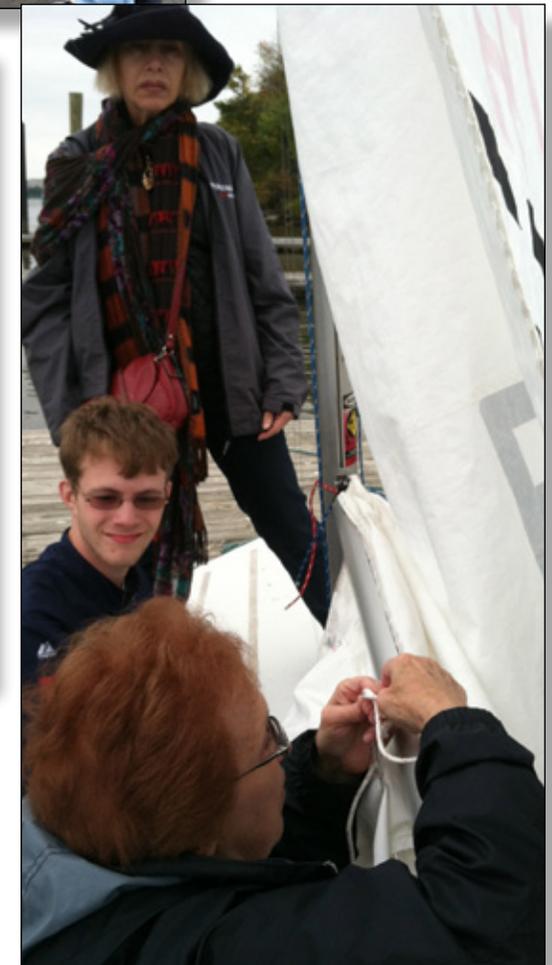
(Below) Tamar and Patrick watch as Alice demonstrates how the outhaul is run.



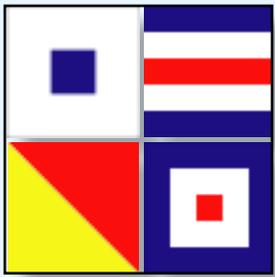
(Above) Randy and Chris work at the mast, while Neil and Alice make adjustments at the boom.



(Right) Chris celebrates a successful reefing.



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Upcoming Events

The [SCOW website](http://www.scow.org) posts all events year round.

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Downrigging Weekend

November 1-4, 2013

Chestertown, Maryland

This is an awesome annual weekend-long event, hurricanes not withstanding, full of great fun for all including fireworks and the opportunity to sail on your choice of several tall ships. To view the event schedule visit

<http://www.sultanaprojects.org/downriggingeventschedule.htm>

Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Capitol City Brewery

2700 South Quincy Street

Arlington, Virginia 22206

Join us for a SCOW Happy Hour from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. (select menu items and beer half price!) followed by the annual membership meeting from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. If you haven't voted for the board positions for 2014, this is your last chance!

Hail and Farewell Awards

Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 15

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Fort McNair Officers' Club, Washington, DC

Watch for more details from Christine, Social Director. Don't miss out on a fun evening with a delicious dinner, dancing and socializing. Join us in thanking the 2013 Board members, welcoming the 2014 Board members and giving recognition to all the volunteers who contribute to the Club's success.

Alexandria Holiday Boat

Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Alexandria, VA

The Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights is a favorite holiday celebration in both Old Town Alexandria and Washington, DC. Festively decorated pleasure boats light up the sky along the Potomac River. For more information about this event visit <http://dc.about.com/od/christmasevents/a/AlexHolBoatPara.htm>

Afterglow Party

Saturday, January 4, 2014

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

The Colonies of McLean

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After the Holidays will you be ready for one more party with your great sailing friends?

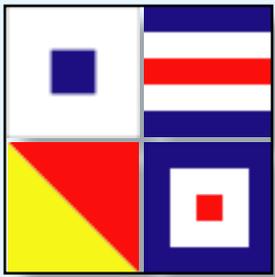
A Potluck Dinner (Ham and Roast Beef will be provided) you bring something else delicious to share. Empty handers will be charged \$10.

Musicians: Bring your instrument!
Dancing: Bring some great dance CDs.

Volunteers: Let's hear from you!
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We need cooks to pre cook the beef and hams, set up helpers, bartenders, deck swabbers, etc.





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