

# ChaNNels

The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington  
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## Commodore's Log

*By Faith Rodell, Commodore*

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THE BEST OF SAILING IN THE NEW YEAR!

The Holidays are over, vacations are finished and the new Board has gotten back to work. We have had two productive board meetings so far and working on some great programs for the new sailing season. The budget was finalized and voted on recently and will be presented in the March ChaNNels. The Training Schedule is complete and is listed in this issue of ChaNNels, and we look forward to the Racing Schedule in the March issue of ChaNNels.

Sorry for no ChaNNels in January, but congratulations are due to Tom Paquin, ChaNNels Editor and former Commodore (2008) and his wife, Heather, on the birth of a baby girl, Avery Irene Paquin born 1/16/11, 8 lbs 10oz.

About 70 Club members had a great time at our Afterglow Party on January 8th – the cooks out did themselves – great food and drinks, great music and everyone pitched in for a smooth running event – thank you to our Social Director, Lisa Carr! She is also busy planning our Re-Up brunch for March 13th. Be sure to put it on your calendar. This is your first opportunity to sign up for classes and to renew your membership while enjoying a delicious brunch and visiting with sailing cronies. Come early, the classes fill up fast!

You can also renew your membership by filling in the membership applications (General and Skipper) on the SCOW website ([www.scow.org](http://www.scow.org)), printing out and mailing with your check to Chris Von Guggenberg as directed on the form.

As you are filling out your application, remember that this is a VOLUNTEER organization and each member's skills and expertise are needed. Please select which area in the club you feel that you could contribute. On this note, I would like to share my horoscope I found in the Washington Post one day recently:

"If you volunteer, you'll be praised in the moment, but that moment will pass. And then you'll be expected to work and be responsible for the results. If that's the fun part for you, then you're volunteering for the right thing" -- Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)

Wow, did that nail it!, not only for me, but the rest of our Board members, I think, too. My work for SCOW over the years has been the fun part and enabled me to meet so many great people. I look forward to serving as your Commodore during the coming year and look forward to us having fun together! (*continued on page 2*)

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Now, let's get sailing!

There have been some great winds, but it has been bloody cold for sailing –ahh, it is February. The trick is to catch one of the fleeting days of warm sunshine and reasonable winds from mother nature. Some of us did just that and raced on New Year's Day in DISC's Freeze-Your-MaST Off for MS race. There were twelve boats entered, split into 2 fleets, temp's in the 50's, and good winds -- congratulations to SCOW club skipper, Bill Davenport on his boat, Runneth Over, for taking first in his fleet. I'm sure that in these cold times he has finished off his award – a bottle of Pusser's British Naval Rum! There was a great party later at Marina Towers and it was a fun day helping our fellow sailing club raise more than \$800 for National MS Society.

Membership Renewal: The 2011 Sailing Season runs from April 1, 2011 to March 30, 2012. We have posted to the SCOW webpage ([www.scow.org/renew](http://www.scow.org/renew)), the 2011 renewal forms in a PDF fillable form that you can fill out, print out and then mail along with your check to Chris Von Guggenberg per the mailing instructions on the forms. This will distribute work more evenly for Chris.

You can also bring your renewal along to the Re-Up Brunch, Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am -2pm. At Re-Up you also will be able to sign up for our sailing classes – Basic, Cruiser, Spinnaker, and Capsize. Get there early, the class registration starts promptly at 10am and the classes usually fill up fast! Watch for Re-Up notices from your Social Director, Lisa Carr with further information – location, directions, what's provided, what to bring to the potluck brunch, volunteer opportunities, etc.

See you at Re-Up!

Faith Rodell, Commodore

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## **Treasurer's Report**

In response to member requests, SCOW has reformatted the Club's financial information to assist members better understand the cost of operations, Club revenues and Club assets.

The Club's Treasurer reports expenses in the following categories at monthly membership meetings: Fleet Operations, Social Activities, Member Services, Communications, and Training, as well as Administration, Awards and Taxes.

The Club's revenue sources include: Dues, Skipper Fees, Training and Interest income, as well as revenue to partially offset the cost of Social Events, and Boatique Sales (Club hats, shirts, mugs, etc.). The Club's assets include: Fleet Assets (based on an annual evaluation of SCOW sailboats), the Boat Asset Fund, the Operating Fund, and the Reserve Fund. The Board operates from an approved annual budget, which is finalized in February each year. Last year the Club's revenues (\$59k) exceeded expenses (\$45k).

SCOW provides more member benefits at less cost than other sailing clubs because members generously volunteer their time to assist with training, maintenance, social events, governance and Club management. SCOW is truly an all-volunteer sailing club and relies on all members to contribute their individual time and expertise to sustain the Club.

Mark Hogan  
2011 SCOW Treasurer

# **Re-Up Brunch on March 13; Afterglow Party a Big Success!**

*By Lisa Carr, Social Director*

Kick off the sailing season at the annual SCOW Re-Up Brunch on March 13 from 10am to 2pm at the Colonies of McLean, 7681 Provincial Drive in McLean, Virginia. Enjoy a delicious brunch of omelets and pancakes along with great Bloody Marys & Mimosas. Bring a dish to fill out the buffet table – fruits, salads, desserts, etc. or pay \$10.00 without a dish. Renew your SCOW membership or join for the first time. Sign up for various training classes, including basic sailing on the Flying Scots or cruisers. Training classes fill up early and are first-come, first served. This is a fun party, and a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new ones.

The Afterglow Party took place on January 8 and was a big success with approximately 70 people attending, enjoying delicious beef cooked by Rob Van Tassell and Herb Ries and a wonderful selection of salads, main dishes, appetizers and desserts. We had many guests attend and folks enjoyed a jam session, pool, ping pong and lively conversations. This informal party was perfectly timed to welcome in the new year with SCOW friends.

We look forward to seeing you at the Re-Up Brunch on March 13. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please email Lisa Carr, Social Director at [social@scow.org](mailto:social@scow.org).

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## *SCOW Afterglow Party, January 8, 2011*



## 2011 SCOW Course Schedule

<u>Course</u>	<u>Land Sessions</u>	<u>Water Sessions</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u># of Students Allowed</u>
Train the Trainers	March 19 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday 9am-12pm		Free	All trainers and trainer wanabees
Rub off the Rust	March 19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 12pm-4pm		Free	All skippers RSVP
Basic (Spring)	April 13, 20, 27, May 4 Wednesdays 7pm - 10pm	April 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, May 1, (7,8 makeup); Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm	New Member \$310 Old Member \$260	12 Students
Basic (Summer)	June 1,8,15,22 Wednesdays 7pm - 10pm	June 4,5,11,12,18,19, (25, 26 makeup) Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm	New Member \$310 Old Member \$260	12 Students
Basic (Fall)	Sept 14,21,28, Oct 5 Wednesdays 7pm - 10pm	Sept 17,18,24,25, Oct 1,2,(8,9 makeup) Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm	New Member \$310 Old Member \$260	12 Students
Cruising (Spring)	May 11,18 Wednesdays 7pm -10pm	May 14,15 Sat & Sun 8am-4pm May 21,22 Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 8am-4pm	New Member \$400 Old Member \$350	5 Students
Cruising (Summer)	July 13, 20 Wednesdays 7pm -10pm	July 16,17 Sat & Sun 8am-4pm July 23,24 Sat 5pm-11pm,Sun 8am-4pm	New Member \$400 Old Member \$350	5 Students
Capsize	July 9, Sat 9am-5pm	July 9, Sat 9am-5pm	\$25	10 Students
Capsize	Aug 20 Sat 9am-5pm	Aug 20, Sat 9am-5pm	\$25	10 Students
Spinnaker	May 14, Sat 12pm-4pm	May 14, Sat 12pm-4pm	\$25	8 Students

Requirements: You must be a SCOW member in order to sign up for SCOW Sailing Courses.

Note: New members joined the club in the last 6 months. Old members joined the club over 6 months ago.

SCOW does not give refunds for course fees. If you sign up for a course and you are unable to take it, you may transfer your spot to another SCOW member (it is your responsibility to find this person to buy your spot); you will not receive a refund. Note that the multiple sessions offered for Basic, Cruiser and Capsize courses are all the same course with the same materials and content, offered in multiple sessions to accommodate more students. Do not sign up for repeat sessions of the same course.

**For additional info, please contact Ula Felt, Training Director, at [training@scow.org](mailto:training@scow.org)**

**Sign up at RE-UP Brunch, March 13th, 10am-2pm -- this is your first opportunity.  
Come by 10 am -- classes fill up fast**

## General Membership Meeting Notes



If you missed the February General Membership meeting, you really missed another great program by our own Jan Earle who spoke on "Weather on the Water". She showed us how to evaluate the weather before we head out sailing and while we are on the water, what the clouds are telling us, and shared a few weather principles to help us to be safer on the water. Great information! Thanks Jan.

Hope to see you all at our March 14th meeting for an hour of pre-meeting socializing at 6:30pm, and then to hear another great speaker at our meeting at 7:30pm.

*If there are any subjects about sailing that you are interested in or know of a speaker that you think would be great during this season, drop an email with your suggestions to our Vice Commodore, Chris McGraw at [vice@scow.org](mailto:vice@scow.org).*

## Maintenance Director's Report

*By Sarah Jones, Maintenance Director*

- SCOW rented a fourth locker from the Marina which should help us become more organized and provide easier access to sails, tools and equipment.
  - We now have two sets of battened sails for use on the Flying Scots in response to skippers who prefer the additional performance of battened sails.
  - The new bungee cords installed last Fall by maintenance volunteers to secure the Flying Scot boat covers to the trailers is now paying off. None of the Flying Scot boat covers have blown off during the winter storms. Snow has to be removed from the covers following each snow storm, but the boats remain well protected.
  - The Spring Maintenance Day, scheduled for Saturday, March 26th 10am to 2pm promises to be a fun and productive time to get our boats ready for the 2011 sailing season. Food and beverages will be provided to the volunteers. Come out and join us!
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**Got an article idea, photos or other content for a future newsletter? Interested in assisting with ChaNNels (please?) Send an email to the editor, Tom Paquin, at: [editor@scow.org](mailto:editor@scow.org).**

## Next Membership Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2011

**Guest Presenter:** to be announced

**Location:** Holiday Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia

**Time:** Socializing begins at 6:30pm with half-price happy hour food and drinks; meeting begins at 7:30pm.

**Membership Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except December)  
**Social Sail:** Every Thursday, Washington Sailing Marina, April 7- October 6, 6pm  
**Social No-Sail:** Events and locations vary, December - April, 6:00 pm  
**Board Meetings:** 1st Monday of every month, 7:00 pm (open to members)  
**Channels Content:** submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month to: [editor@scow.org](mailto:editor@scow.org)  
**2011 Calendar:** <http://www.scow.org/calendar.html>  
**SCOW Pictures:** <http://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington>  
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