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

By Faith Rodell, Commodore

We had an excellent start to our spring season with several well attended events: **First**, at our Re-Up brunch, March 13th about 130 members, new members and guests enjoyed many Mimosas, Bloody Marys and a delicious buffet. We actually made money at this event because many people opted to pay the \$10 at the door rather than bringing a dish. Are there no more cooks out there? It is hard to eat a \$10 bill at the buffet table. Re-Up was a success with the Spring and Summer Basic Classes filling up, as well as, the Spring & Summer Cruiser Classes. We are considering a third Cruiser Class since there is a long waiting list and some people have been on the waiting list for their second year. There are still spaces in the Fall Basic Sailing Class.

Second, Maintenance Day, headed by our Maintenance Director, Sarah Jones, was a huge success, well attended and lot of cleaning and repair of our fleet was accomplished. Thanks to Sarah for great organization and to all who worked hard on the boats and to Lisa Carr, Social Director for the good eats.

Third, The Train-the-Trainers event was well attended also and we have some excellent, hard working volunteer trainers for our classes this year. Give them all a hug from all of us.

Fourth, Rub-off-the-Rust could have been better attended, but it was cold and I hope our new skippers are not just fair weather sailors. There were only 8 skippers and the trainer, John Roland there. This was an opportunity to review SCOW procedures, see how to fold n' roll and store the new batten sails for the Flying Scots, discuss safety and proper care of the boats, review reefing, etc. Watch for a notice for a 2nd Rub-off-the-Rust in May and I hope most skippers will attend.

Fifth, a super start to actual Sailing!!! Our first Social Sail was held on April 7th. We had 8-10 mph winds, got about 9 boats of guests out for cruises around the harbor and 60 members and guests enjoyed delicious roast chicken and salads prepared by Jan Earle and Mike Rothenberg. Thank you guys, it was delicious!
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Upcoming Events: Social Sails every Thursday night, Flying Scot Wednesday night races start April 20th, Cruisers race with Disc spring series on Tuesday nights starting April 12th, 1st Raft-up April 22nd, Monthly meetings at Holiday Inn, Old Town with great speakers each month.

Calendar changes to note:

May - General Membership Meeting changed to the first Tuesday, May 3th

June - General Membership Meeting changed to the first Monday, June 6th

Board Position Opening: We are sad to lose our Social Director, Lisa Carr, but due to new job conflicts she has decided to resign. We are looking for someone to volunteer for this important position that oversees all the SCOW social events. We already have several great Social Committee volunteers so you would not be doing this alone, but we do need a leader. Please contact me at commodore@scow.org to discuss. See you all on the water,

Faith

SCOW Boat Asset Committee Report: The Quest for a Third Cruiser, Part I

By Robert I. Barra, BAC Chair

In recent years, SCOW has seen increased demand for the cruising boats Rebecca and Topaz (both Catalina 25s). To keep up, the Boat Asset Committee (BAC) is recommending the purchase of a third cruiser. This all begs the question: whattt?

Specifically: why do we need another cruiser, what are we looking for, and what can we afford?

The cruisers are commonly booked on weekends, used for Tuesday night racing with the Dangerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC), participate in our raft-ups, and could be used more frequently for our Thursday night Social Sails. In particular, the cruisers are generally MIA on nice weekends. Therefore, to further promote the club's mission of providing (all together now!) "the membership thereof with the opportunity and instrumentalities to become expert in the art of sailing for their individual and mutual education, benefit and enjoyment", SCOW intends to purchase a third cruiser.

Great, you say, but what's in it for me? Well, that's up to the club (you) to decide. The BAC has recommended some basic bounds, but we certainly welcome your input (please see the contact information at the bottom of the article). The BAC recommends that we search for a boat with:

- Draft under five feet, with four feet or less being the target;
- Length of over 24 feet and under 30 feet;
- Age of 15 years or less (or younger than the author);
- Low maintenance;
- Large community for the boat (helpful for any repair questions that may pop up);

- Similar features to the current fleet to make training easier.

What can we afford? The short answer is we are still looking into this, but we are assuming \$15k – \$20k. The long answer is that several years ago, John Roland put together a detailed analysis of how much it costs to maintain the SCOW fleet of four Flying Scots and two Catalinas. He also analyzed the Club's revenue including membership dues, skipper fees and training revenue. Based on John's analysis the BAC recommended putting away an appropriate amount of funds to replace the current boats when needed as well as funds to expand the SCOW fleet. The SCOW Board accepted BAC's recommendation and transferred the appropriate amount from the Operating Fund to the Boat Asset Fund each year. The 2011 BAC is currently reviewing the analysis, updated the figures based on current costs. Our preliminary conclusion is that the BAF has adequate funds for the purchase of an additional cruiser. Further, SCOW revenue projections substantiate that the Club can sustain the additional annual cost to maintain a third cruiser.

This is all welcome news for those who have been asking for another cruiser. The BAC is excited about the purchase of a third cruiser and is working to find the right boat at the right price. We do not have a precise timeline for the purchase, but we hope to add a cruiser this year. We will check in next month with our progress. □

The Boat Asset Committee works closely with club members and the Board to perform boat safety inspections and guide the purchase and sale of boats in the SCOW fleet. This year's BAC Chair is Robert I. Barra. Seeing as he is typically up at all hours of the night, feel free to email him anytime at rbarra07@gmail.com.

SCOW “Boatique” 2011

Spring is here and so it's time to offer all SCOW members a selection of T-shirts, Golf shirts, Vests, Ladies Tops, Hats and more for the coming season. The second-to-last page of this newsletter is a form that you can fill-out and mail back to me to order your garments.

I'm asking that all orders be placed by April 22 so that I can get the items ready to distribute at the May membership meeting or at subsequent gatherings. If you would like to have your items shipped directly to you then you can use the “optional shipping” listed on the order form. See you on the water.

Bill Bernhards
SCOW Boatique

Upcoming On-the-Water Activities

by Richard Cecilio, River/Bay Activities Director

Event #1 -- Friday Night Moonlight Sail and Raft-Up

On Friday, April 22, SCOW is hosting our first 2011 Moonlight Sail and Raft-Up of the year!! The Club Cruisers (Rebecca and Topaz) have been reserved for the event, and we invite

all club members with boats to participate in the raft-up. In the past, we have had six or more boats participating. So, there was plenty of room for SCOW members to participate, and those who have not participated in the past Friday raft-ups get priority.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Friday night raft-up, we simply sail to a meeting point on the river, one boat drops an anchor and other boats tie up to it. Skippers and crew bring beverages of their choice along with appetizers and mingle among each other and visit other boats. We meet at the G-Dock at the Washington Sailing Marina around 6:30 pm and get under way no later than 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in participating, we need the following:

MEMBERS and GUESTS - we would love to have you join us on the river. There is limited space and it is on a first-RSVP, first-serve basis. Those who have not gone on any of the past Friday raft-ups have priority space on the list.

If you want to go on the raft-up, please e-mail me (river@scow.org) with the following information: Name, e-mail, and phone number. I will let you know if there is space on a boat next week or sooner, if possible. Those who have already been on a Friday evening raft-up will be put on a wait list, and we will let you know the week of the raft-up if there is room. The guest list will be created several days before the raft up, and anyone responding after this time will be placed in a first-come first-served list and will be assigned a boat if there is room.

CRUISER SKIPPERS NEEDED - we need one for Rebecca and one for Topaz, which have been reserved for exclusive use for the moonlight raft-up. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in skippering a club cruiser for this event.

TOPAZ AND REBECCA SKIPPERS CAN INVITE ONE GUEST/CREW FOR THE RAFT-UP. WE WILL ASSIGN CREW TO THE REMAINING SLOTS ON THE CRUISERS BASED ON THE LIST OF SCOW MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAFT-UP.

RIVER FLEET - if you plan to join us, please let me know. I'd also like to know if you will have any spaces available for crew. If you have a full crew, please let me know anyway just so we'll know how many boats are anticipated.

Event #2 -- Fort Washington Marina

Date: Saturday April 31 and Sunday May 1, 2011

Come one and all for a fun weekend at Fort Washington Marina, April 31 to May 1, 2011. Dock up at the marina or just come and meet some old friends and make some new ones at the same time. We will have a BYOM (Bring Your Own Meat) to grill up for Saturday night dinner. Read on for more details.

For Saturday dinner, the theme is (BYOM) "You bring it, you burn it, you eat it!" There are some grills at Fort Washington Marina but if you could bring a grill to share that would be appreciated. Sunday morning breakfast will be provided by SCOW.

NOTE: Fort Washington Marina rates have increased slightly and are now \$1.75 per foot per night and shore power at \$7 per night for 30 amp and \$10 per for 50amp. Captains and Crew will be responsible for their own cost for docking and power needs.

What I need from the Captains attending this event: I will need the Captain's full name, e-mail address, cell phone number, sailing club name, Crew size and if you would like to take on another Crew member "to share cost" from one of the participating club member that is not yet signed up with a boat/crew. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

Richard Cecilio
River/Bay Activities Director

Flying Scot Racing Season Begins

By Kyoko Kawai, Racing Director

Hi Racing fans! We are starting Flying Scot racing this coming Wednesday (4/20). Flying Scots racing is scheduled every Wednesday until September 7.

Since many of us have not yet been on the water this season, we will be practicing some basic sailing skills at the first event. Here is the plan for Wednesday: 1) Meeting at the dock at 6pm; 2) Skippers meeting at 6:15pm; 3) Practice man overboard drills and turning marks; 4) Race starts at 7pm at the WSM lagoon and ends by 8pm (boats back on the trailers).

If there is Small Craft Advisory, the Wednesday racing will be cancelled. So please check the weather and the status of Small Craft Advisories for Wednesday afternoon, which are easily accessible at www.scow.org under "Weather, Small Craft Advisories, Tide Predictions, etc."

If you have questions regarding the Wednesday night races, please contact me at racing@scow.org. See you on Wednesday.

Request for Input – Monthly Membership Meeting Presentations

By Chris McGraw, Vice Commodore

We've been lucky to have some fantastic speakers this year at our monthly meetings. And, we want to make sure that we are inviting individuals to speak who will be a big draw for our membership. With that in mind, let us know who you'd like to hear from!

Have a neighbor who sailed in the Olympics or on an America's Cup boat, or maybe in some exciting one-design races? Know someone who has just returned from a charter sailing trip in an exotic location? Let me know your leads and who you'd like to hear from at our future monthly membership meetings by submitting your information and/or requests to vice@scow.org.

Cheers and fair winds!

Chris

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Got an article idea, photos or other content for a future newsletter? Interested in assisting with ChaNNels? Send an email to the editor, Tom Paquin, at: editor@scow.org.

Next Membership Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 6:30PM

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: 2nd 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)
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** note that the May meeting is changed to Tuesday, 5/3; the June meeting is changed to Monday, 6/6*



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