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

*By Chris Von Guggenberg, Commodore*

Dear SCOW Members,

Happy birthday, United States of America and happy (belated) birthday to SCOW which is now in its 44th year. How exciting that this organization which brings opportunities to enjoy maritime activities for education, social and recreation continues to prosper. I'm happy to continue to do my part.

In July we look forward to continuing many of the current activities, namely social sails, Friday night raft-ups and other ad hoc events; I note that there was a bay raft-up planned for the 4th of July weekend. Get together with friends and enjoy the opportunities this club provides!

On the training front I note that we will be having the ever popular (and sold out) capsizes course on July the 10th (there still is space in the August 21st class) and the (sold out) Summer Cruiser class will begin on July 14th.

On the business front, this July we hope to address a contentious issue which is the subject of much controversy, namely the issue of small craft advisories and developing a PFD policy. John Rogers sent all the skippers a questionnaire via email which hopefully many of the skippers responded to. We look forward to our monthly membership meeting speaker, Kip Louttit to shed some further insight. This is a difficult issue to address because we need to balance the club's need to protect its members (many of whom have varying amounts of expertise in boat handling), the fleet and the club's liability exposure with the members' desire to go sailing on those days that seem so ideal when the wind is heavier than normal. We will try to shape a PFD policy which balances the need to survive the warmer weather (heat stroke) balanced by safety considerations. We invite you to participate in this process.

Soon we will take up the issue of nominations. The elections take place in November, but it's never too early to start. This is a volunteer run organization -- many of you enjoy the benefits of others' efforts, and hopefully some of you will step up and become officers and directors to help us continue this mission. In conjunction with the elections we anticipate a series of amendments to the current bylaws; among other issues, clarifying that elections can be done electronically to save the club the unnecessary expense and effort associated with the mailing ballots.

Recently the skipper director, Amy Hasslacher has resigned her role. We thank Amy for her past contributions. Thankfully we had member step forward to fill the void, and I would like to introduce Dan Sandhaus as our new skipper director. *(continued on the next page)*

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We look forward to our continued association and thank you in advance or in arrears for your kind efforts in helping further the objectives of SCOW, namely:

"...provide its membership with opportunities to sail, to exchange information about sailing, to learn safe boating procedures, and to meet others in the Potomac River/Chesapeake Bay area with similar interests. The Club shall plan activities for both the novice and experienced sailor."

Sincerely,

Chris von Guggenberg  
Commodore

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### **PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS MONTH:**

The July member meeting at the Old Town Holiday Inn will be held on **July 19** due to a scheduling conflict with the hotel. See below for details.



I wonder what would happen if...I had hailed the coast guard?

General Membership Meeting  
July 19

Happy Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
(Cheap beer, good eats!)

Business Meeting and Speaker: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Holiday Inn Alexandria | 625 First Street |  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Hotel Front Desk: 703-548-6300

Guest speakers: Danger at sea, risk of great

loss, abandonment of vessel, redemption? Come to the meeting to learn what would have happened had the Coast Guard been hailed from Kip Louttit, Captain (retired) of the Coast Guard as he touches on this and helps us shape the small craft advisory and PFD policy for the club.

*Please let Vice Commodore, Faith Rodell, know if there are other topics that you would like to hear about this year by submitting your request to: [vice@scow.org](mailto:vice@scow.org).*

# **SCOW Featured Photos**

*Set 1: These were taken during some practice racing between three scow Flying Scots in the cove on May 31, 2010.*

*On board the boat with spinnaker were Members Chris VonGuggenberg, Chris McGraw, Martha Gibson, Lon Keele and Jim Klein.*



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*Set 2: In June, SCOW members brushed up on their spinnaker skills in order to use more spinnakers in friendly impromptu races.*

*Photos #1, 2: Jim Klein, Mark Hogan and Sandy talk through the rigging and the lines with the boat tied up at the dock.*

*Photo #3: From left to right: Jim Klein, Kyoko Kawai, Mark Hogan, Maggie Kreusi, and Peg O'Laughlin talk through the rigging*

*Photo #4: Maggie Kreusi and Kyoko Kawai practice with the spinnaker sheets.*

*Photo #5: Prospective member Sandy gets the spinnaker flying.*



## Sailing Activity Calendar

**July 11 from 11:30 to 3:30 pm** the Schooner Woodwind is offering a **tour of Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses**. Sail to as many as three lighthouses and learn about their history, importance and present day condition by a lecturer from the U.S. Lighthouse Society. For more information go to [www.schoonerwoodwind.com](http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com).

**July 18 from 1:30 to 5:00 pm** the Schooner Woodwind is offering a **Wine tasting Cruise**. Go to [www.schoonerwoodwind.com](http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com) for more information.

**August 7** is the Fourth Annual Smoots Cove Dodge-the-water-taxis raft-up. More details will be forthcoming from Jack Weaver.

**September 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm** the Schooner Woodwind is offering a “Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum Pirate Cruise”. For more information go to [www.schoonerwoodwind.com](http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com).

**October 13** is the **start of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**. Plan to take the day off from work and get on the Schooner Woodwind Spectator boat. Cheer on the Woodwind II which is competing and watch over 45 schooners, including the Pride of Baltimore II, the Mystic Whaler, and other beautiful tall ships sail from the start of the race at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge towards Portsmouth, their final destination. For more information go to <https://www.schoonerwoodwind.com/races.asp>. This is an experience that you will not forget.

**October 22-24 from 9 am to 3 pm** is the Cambridge Schooner Rendezvous. One hour sails will be offered in Cambridge, MD from schooners, many of which participated in the schooner race. See <http://www.cambridgeschoonerrendezvous.com> for more info.

**October 28-31** is the Downrigging Weekend in Chestertown, MD. The schooner Lynx, a replication of an 1812 privateer from Long Beach, CA is headlining the weekend festival. More information will be coming soon.

Got an article idea, photos or other content for a future newsletter? Send an email to the editor, Tom Paquin, at: [editor@scow.org](mailto:editor@scow.org).

## Next Membership Meeting: Monday, July 19

**Guest Presenters:**

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

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

**Social Sail:** Every Thursday, Washington Sailing Marina, April - October, 6:00 pm  
**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)  
**2010 Calendar:** <http://www.scow.org/calendar.html>  
**SCOW Pictures:** <http://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington>  
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