

# Chanels

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

*By Chris Von Guggenberg, Commodore*

Dear SCOW members,

It's time for me to tell you about the curse of John Rogers. That's right, many of you would have never guessed it but he (sort of) cast a spell on me some years ago. The story goes something like this, I approached him in January of 2008 (he had been commodore in 2007) and told him that I had no desire to be commodore myself because I don't like to be in the spotlight. His reply (I'm calling it a spell now) was "to tell you the truth, I don't like to be in the spotlight either, but the club needed a commodore". Several years later the club was in a similar situation and while I could have easily rationalized/justified not stepping up, John's words haunted me as I knew they would. John Rogers is only one of the many people whose outstanding service over the years has inspired some of us to step up and become a part of the board of SCOW and possibly you will be one of them soon (be careful around John Rogers, remember the spell!)

For those of you who haven't been paying attention to your email correspondence, the candidates for the 2011 board are as follows:

Commodore	Faith Shields Rodell
Vice-Commodore	Chris McGraw
Secretary	Maggie Kruesi
Treasurer	Mark Hogan
Skipper Director	Dan Sandhaus
Training Director	Ula Felt
Maintenance Director	Sarah Jones
River/Bay Director	Richard Cecilio
Social Director	Lisa Carr

How can you go wrong with a line up like that!

I hope that many of you will participate in the upcoming election for both the board candidates and the bylaw revisions and I also hope that many of you will attend the November member meeting where, besides the formality associated with the annual election, we will allow you as members to give us your feedback on how you thought we did in 2010 with an eye towards 2011 so that we can bring you a better membership experience in the future as we are an evolving organization.

I also hope that many of you will join us again this year at the Hail and Farewell ceremony at the Army Navy club.  
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It's a wonderful venue for our celebration where we will be saying hail to the new chief and farewell to the old board and thanks to some of the many volunteers who helped make this year the success that it was. As in the past, we will try to keep the awards ceremony short and the celebrating long.

Please note that there will be no member meeting in December and the next member meeting will take place on January 13, 2011.

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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## **Notice of Annual Meeting and Election for the Sailing Club of Washington**

**Place:** Holiday Inn Alexandria | 625 First Street | Alexandria, VA 22314 | 1-703-548-6300  
**Date & Time:** Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Purpose:** Election of the 2011 Board of Directors

SCOW members will be asked to vote on the 2011 SCOW Board and on proposed amendments to the SCOW By-Laws.

Information on the candidates and the By-Laws revisions can be obtained on the web at the following URL addresses:

<http://www.scow.org/resources/2010candidates.pdf>

<http://www.scow.org/resources/bylawrevisions2010.pdf>

The ballot for the SCOW Board will include a vote for or against the proposed amendments.

Summary of Procedures for amending the By-Laws:

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all members voting, in person or by proxy, at any Annual, Special, or General Meeting, when the proposed amendment and notice of the time and place of the meeting have been submitted in writing to the membership at least (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

With the ballots will be the proposed amendments and the official announcement of the Annual Meeting at which the votes will be counted for or against the proposed amendments. A majority vote for the amendments is required to change the By-Laws. The votes will be tallied by the vote inspectors that tally the results for the Board election.

Summary of SCOW Election Procedures for the 2011 Board:

The SCOW Board of Directors is elected at the Club's Annual Meeting, which this year will be Monday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Alexandria | 625 First Street | Alexandria, VA 22314 | Hotel Front Desk: 1-703-548-6300. Elections are conducted in accordance with Article III of the Club Bylaws (included in the Membership Directory). An official notice of the Annual Meeting must be provided to each member between 10

and 30 days before the meeting, and election procedures are to be provided to all members at least 25 days in advance.

Ballots will be mailed to members the week of October 25 to members in good standing as of October 22nd.

Article III stipulates that the ballot is a secret ballot. Procedures to ensure the secrecy and fairness of the election are prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The election process begins with the incumbent Board's appointment of a Nominating Committee not less than 60 days before the Annual Meeting. This committee recruits at least one nominee for each of the 11 Board positions: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Directors. The Nominating Committee must report the status of the nominations to the Board at the Board's October business meeting and to the members at the October membership meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by Club members at this October meeting; nominations are then closed.

The Board sets a Date of Record of Membership to determine members entitled to vote. This date cannot be more than 30 days before the date of the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee then prepares a controlled set of secret ballots (i.e., not bearing a recipient's name) to be mailed so as to reach each member of record at least 10 days before the Annual Meeting. This also mailing includes the ballot marking instructions, and a pre-addressed, stamped return envelope bearing the recipient's name as the sender.

Each member marks the ballot as instructed and seals it in the ballot envelope bearing his or her name. Members may return sealed ballot envelopes by mail or bring them in person to the Annual Meeting. Polls remain open until 30 minutes past the stated start time of the meeting.

The Commodore appoints a team of two or more vote inspectors to monitor the election, count the ballots, and announce the results at the Annual Meeting. The inspectors open and close the polls and decide all questions as to the standing of a member and the acceptance or rejection of votes.

The general process of collecting and tallying ballots is as follows:

The Club Secretary collects ballot envelopes returned by mail or arranges for their collection. These ballot envelopes are delivered unopened to the vote inspectors at the Annual Meeting.

Ballot envelopes brought to the meeting in person are also given to the inspectors unopened.

Once all ballots are in and the polls close, the inspectors compare the unopened envelopes against a roster of members entitled to vote and check the names on the envelopes against the roster of names. The envelopes are then opened and the ballots separated from them. In this way, both secrecy and inadvertent double-counting are controlled.

After the ballots are separated from the envelopes, the inspectors tally the vote, record the results, and report them to the Commodore and to the meeting. The seven candidates for Director receiving the highest votes are elected. A tie would have to be decided by a runoff election, if the tie affects the election's outcome.

A special thanks to the members of the nominating committee and Luis Rivas who helped in this effort.

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Reserve my seat at SCOW's November 13<sup>th</sup> ...

# Hail and Farewell Gala

at the: **The Army Navy Club**

901 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20006 (Farragut West Metro)

**Wine and Cheese Reception starting at 7:00**

**Dinner Served at 7:30**

**Awards Ceremony at 9:00**

**Dancing until Midnight**

**\$65 per person** Send check by Oct 28 to:

SCOW c/o Chris von Guggenberg - 316 E Bellefonte Ave - Alexandria, VA 22301-1244

Or, use PayPal at: vendor [treasurer@scow.org](mailto:treasurer@scow.org)

Questions: 703.829.7245

**\* Cocktail Attire \*  
Coat & Tie Required**

**Please indicate your choice from the following menus:**

**#1) Lobster Bisque**

- **Roasted Chicken Breast** filled with Asparagus and Seasoned Mushrooms
- served with au Gratin Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

**#2) Chilled Asparagus / Parmesan, Balsamic Dressing**

- Baked Pork Chop** filled with Cornbread Stuffing/ Apple Cider Creme
- served with Whipped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

**Lemon Raspberry Tartlet will be served for Dessert**  
Beverages include: iced tea, 2 glasses of wine or beer

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## Next Membership Meeting: Monday, November 8

**Agenda:** Election of the 2011 Board of Directors

**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>  
**SCOW Website:** <http://www.scow.org>



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