



January 2016 Edition of ChaNNels The Sailing Club of Washington Newsletter.

Commodore – Order of the Month

Ahoy and Happy New Year SCOW Members and Friends. Welcome to 2016. The Board and I are looking forward to a very exciting year, the 50th Anniversary of the SCOW's founding! (This is the same year as the first Super Bowl to put things in perspective.)

First, the obvious, **Barbara Thacker**, longtime ChaNNels editor has taken a well-deserved hiatus. We all want to thank Barb for her service and expertise as ChaNNels editor. So, SCOW is looking for a new editor. If you enjoy exercising limitless creativity and receiving the appreciation of over 450 members, then please drop me a note at commodore@scow.org.

Second, the Board is developing plans for a special 50th year celebration. Keep alert for opportunities to volunteer to assist in this once in a lifetime endeavor.

Third, the 2016 Board held its first meeting January 4th with its feet running full speed ahead since the AfterGlow party was just a few days away. Thanks to **Richard Kaiser** our Social Director and all his volunteers for putting on a very successful event. See a list of the new Board and appointees following this newsletter. Please feel free to drop them a note with an idea or suggestion.

Fourth, we are going to be in the market for a new cruiser. The new Boat Asset Committee **Chair Jay Weitzal**, longtime SCOW member and boat owner and his committee will begin the replacement process soon. Drop him a note if you have an idea of replacement. Skirmish has been donated to Sea Scouts Ship 37, and will be sailing way from us soon. A special thanks to **Alex White** his tenure as chairman of the BAC. We wish him well and hope to see him around the marina soon.

Fifth, plan to attend the **2016 Re-Up Brunch** on March 6th at the Colonies of McLean. This is your opportunity to renew your membership and skipper certification for 2016 all in one place, as well as socialize with fellow club members.

Sixth, as always, this year, the club will need you, the members, to step forward and volunteer for training, tutoring, checkouts, social sails, race committee, maintenance days, rub-off-the-rust, cooking, cleaning, and other tasks that keep this organization going. If you have been upfront volunteering all along, we thank you and ask you to continue. If you have fallen off a bit, I'd like to welcome you to get involved again in any capacity you can. All help is appreciated.

SCOW Winter Seminar Series has begun February 3rd, and 24th.

The first seminar was held February 3rd in the Charleston Room of the Indigo Landing Restaurant at the Washington Sailing Marina. **Dave Beckett**, SCOW 2015 Spring Series winner, schooled us in the **Racing Rules of Sailing**. About 40 people attended with members of DISC and PRSA, as well as SCOW. Dave had many good quotes, but his rendition of "Don't Tack in the Zone" spoken to the rhythm and cadence of "Do not seek the treasure", from the movie "O' Brother Where Art Thou" made a lasting impression on all. Mark your calendar for February 24th, same time and place, to hear **Carrie Carpenter**,

from Flying Scot, and a successful Scot racer, talk about the Flying Scot, now and then and in the future, along with some sailing characteristics. Our Race Director, **Csilla Gal**, and others have several more seminars in the planning stage. Stay tuned for more announcements.

SCOW Membership Meeting

By **Amy Deckelbaum** 2016 SCOW Vice Commodore

SCOW's first membership meeting of 2016 will be held on Tuesday February 9th at Hard Times Cafe in Alexandria. There is free parking in the lot starting at 5:30. We will start at 6 with an informal gathering and will begin our program at 7 which involves hearing from some of our directors about the year to come and learn about the Leukemia cup from Chris Tindal. We have some fun events planned (including a celebration of February birthdays and team trivia) as well as some SCOW door prizes. As Tuesday is Mardi Gras, beads and masks are more than welcome.

SCOW Movie Night February 17th

By **Elizabeth Graham**, Membership Director

SCOW's *WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES* Series Kicks Off with [Morning Light](#)

On Wednesday, February 17, SCOW will show *Morning Light*, a documentary about a group of determined young men and women racing the high-performance, 52-foot sloop *Morning Light* in the 2300 mile TRANSPAC open-ocean race. The film takes the inexperienced crew from their earliest training sessions in Hawaii through their test of endurance as they compete against the world's best ocean racers.

The Charleston Room at Indigo Landing will open at 6:30 pm. The movie will start at 7:00 pm sharp (and end at 8:40). And, while we welcome drinks in the

movie "theatre", we ask that you finish your meals and snacks before coming into the room.

[Preview YouTube video MORNING LIGHT Trailer](#)



After Glow Wrap-up

Or, what do you get when you combine music, friends, a cooking contest and an open bar?

McLean, VA – January 9, 2016 by **Richard Kaiser**
2016 SCOW Social Director

By 6:00 pm, activity was at a feverish pitch, tables being set up, ice in transit, music staging and 10 cooks setting up their entries, for the first annual Crockpot Regatta. Over the next five hours, over 70 people joined in the fun and excitement of After Glow.

After Glow is the Sailing Club of Washington's (SCOW) first social gathering of the year. This annual kickoff event for our Club celebrates the start of 2016 with a myriad of activities, culinary fare and new and enduring friendships.

Event highlights included the inaugural Crockpot Regatta challenging 10 competitor chefs to a crockpot throw down in chili, stew, pulled pork, German pork/sauerkraut dishes as well as vegetarian entries and Indian fare. Empty crockpots by the close of the event were telltale evidence that the masses enjoyed taste testing these culinary classics. All of the chefs walked away with prizes for their signature

dishes. But top chef of the coveted Crockpot Regatta, was **Jamie Russo** for her creative curry-based creation.



While the bar was jumping all night and the living room was packed with games and exciting conversation, the billiard room was humming with creative entertainment – The Scow Musicians and Singers were enjoying musical interludes led by **Jim Klein** and **Jack Schwartz** on guitars and accompanied by the SCOW Singers, led by **Alice Starke** and **Valerie Pelton**, among many others. The talented SCOW Musicians' repertoire included Summertime, Jamaica Farewell, John B Sails, Blue Moon, Beer Barrel Polka.



With music designed by a local DJ and fearless line dancing just getting under way, our new Commodore, **Rob Reuter**, toasted SCOW's landmark 50th anniversary with a birthday cake for SCOW and all of our members with January birthdays. Rob led a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to top off a great evening for SCOW.

After Glow could not have happened without our great volunteers – from setup, ice deliveries, pot luck creations and some of the best bartenders in the land to an amazing clean-up crew, thank you SCOW, for putting on a great party! Until we glow again next year!

Leukemia Cup Regatta – Not too early to plan to race

FIRST OF A SERIES OF OCCASIONAL ARTICLES ON THE LCR – **Nancy Brown, Member, SCOW**

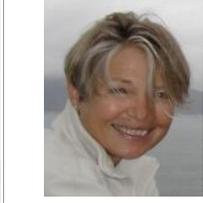
With each day getting a little lighter and dreams of sailing dancing through our heads, it's not too early to plan to participate in the 2016 Leukemia Cup Regatta (LCR). As always, the race takes place on the first Saturday after Labor Day, and this year that date is September 10. It's an exciting opportunity to race on the Potomac in this Board-sanctioned race and SCOW boats can be used for the race that day. (Photo of the 2015 Leukemia Cup Regatta)

Teams are encouraged to form early and begin to fund-raise for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)**, the non-profit that supports research to end blood cancer. The SCOW boats are allotted one month prior to the race based on the donations raised, i.e., the Flying Scot or cruiser team that has raised the most money has first choice of the boats – so getting an early start means more time to raise money.

In addition to the fun of racing, there are other great events surrounding the LCR. The night before the regatta there is usually a party at the marina for the participants, where teams can pick up their T-shirts and swag bags, have dinner, and enjoy some sailing comradery. On the day of the race there are usually tour boats going out so that non-racers can watch the action. Saturday after the race is the big party with food, music, and special guests, **like Gary Jobson**, world class sailor. And Saturday is the silent auction for great nautical gifts, baskets with bottles of alcohol and drink mix, private tours (last year of a

local brewery and a Smithsonian museum), use of condominiums in the US and abroad, and lots more! Another way to raise funds is to sell raffle tickets for a week for two at an island resort, sponsored by LLS. A week or so after the race there is a happy hour to draw the winning raffle ticket. It's always a blast and SCOW has had a number of winners over the years – ask recent winner **Jan Earle** how her week in the Caribbean was! So plan now to participate in the 2016 LCR and we'll see you on the water on 9/10!

Go to this link for more information
<http://www.leukemiakup.org/nca/>

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2016 SCOW Committees approved by the Board

2016 Training and Skipper Certification Committee (TSCC) Members - Approved Feb 1st.

- John Rogers, Chairperson
- Jay Weitzel
- Mary Bayshore
- Barbara (Barby) Ullman
- Joe Depooter
- Dan Sandhaus.
- Jan Earle – Previous TD
- Gregory Prather - Current TD
- Teresa Fralish – Current SCD

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The TSCC requires a 5 member minimum, 1 previous Training Director, plus the current Training, and Skipper Certification Directors

2016 Boat Asset Committee (BAC) Members - Approved Feb 1st.

Jay Weitzel, Chairperson, Boat Owner
Luis Rivas
Chris McGraw – Boat Owner
Chris Tindal
Kyoko Kawai
Jim Klein – Boat Owner
Kevin Longenbach – Board Member
Steve Ochenkowski – Current MD

The BAC requires 6 members, 2 boat owners, 1 Board Member, and Current Maintenance Director

2016 Committee Vacancies

Currently, SCOW has two committees without member staffing, the Audit Committee and Nominating Committee. Please refer to the SCOW By Laws at the link below for information about the valuable assignments of these two committees. Let the Commodore know if you wish to be considered for heading or serving on either.

http://www.scow.org/resources/Bylaws%20and%20policies/SCOW_Bylaws_2015_11_3.pdf