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## Commodore's Log

Dear Friends,

A big, whole-hearted thank you to all of you for your participation and contributions to the club since I last wrote the Commodore's log. Judging by the frequency of the SCOW-related e-mail traffic that I receive and the great deal of time that I have spent doing SCOW stuff, it seems like the club is moving at warp speed now.

Our success is driven by leadership and service at ALL levels. Some of our best volunteers aren't even skipper-certified, yet they create value through a variety of ways, such as serving on the race committee during our club races, volunteering as chefs and dockmasters during social sail, and assisting with maintenance tasks necessary to bring Lion's Paw into service. Many of these folks are new to the club, and it is my hope that they eventually become future skippers, trainers, and Board members one day.

I recognize that our new members are the future of this club, and it's up to the rest of us to foster their development and fully integrate them into our ranks in order to perpetuate the cycle of creating value for the

SCOW community. This is the operating model that has guided our Club for the last 51 years, and it will continue to do so in perpetuity.

Our seasoned members consistently demonstrate the values of community, volunteer service, and integrity. I've been harping on this theme of values all year because that's the reason why anyone would do anything for this club without any form of compensation or personal gain. As I look around at the same, familiar faces who show up for social sail, racing, maintenance, training, and river activities, I know that I am in the company of individuals with good character.

And as much as I believe that we here at SCOW are of the highest moral composition, I'd be remiss to ignore the fact that participation in the club is simply fun.

Whether through virtue or fun, please consider volunteering for SCOW. We're a winning team, and we'd love for all to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

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## Mandatory Towing Insurance for Cruiser Skippers

By Richard Kaiser, SCOW Vice Commodore 2017

(From July 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes)

Board members discussed the long-standing need for cruiser skippers to have towing insurance, in light of several instances over the past few years when skippers needed a tow and unnecessarily paid high prices to towing companies. Members have been informed many times about low-cost towing insurance available from sources such as Boat/U.S—about \$68.00/year, plus a membership fee.

The following motion was made and seconded: "All cruiser skippers will be required to show proof of towing insurance in order to become certified to use the SCOW cruisers and to renew their skipper certification each year."

The towing coverage will be in effect at all times. This policy takes effect immediately for all new cruiser skippers, and for all renewals starting in 2018. The motion passed, with 11 for and 1 abstaining.

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## Nomination Committee - Looking for Committee Members

By Richard Kaiser, SCOW Vice Commodore 2017

It's hard to believe that SCOW's sailing season is almost over and that SCOW's Board of Director seats are all up for election.

The first phase of the election was held Tuesday night, September 12th at our first Fall Membership Meeting, held at Hard Times Café. It was announced that Kevin Longenbach would preside over the Committee and that he was looking for one or two additional members for the Committee.

At last night's Membership meeting, Kevin described the election process in three phases.

- 9/12/2017 - Nomination Committee formation
- 10/23/2017 - Nomination slate announced and nominations taken at Membership Meeting
- 11/13/2017 - Online voting ends, final paper ballots collected & election results announced

If you want to give Kevin a hand, please reach out to him. If you're not interested in assisting Kevin, please give him a high five for being a great SCOW volunteer!

## Tribute to Dorothy Stocks

By Alice Starcke

Many members of the Sailing Club of Washington (SCOW) are mourning the loss of Dorothy Stocks, who died on July 24.

"She brought so much joy, not just to SCOW but to the entire community of local sailors. I met her in 2003 when she was learning to sail and race *Psycho* (a SCOW club boat - Yankee Dolphin). She later purchased her own

Cape Dory, *Liberty Belle*, and promptly solicited her brother to help do bottom painting and fine tuning so the boat could race better in the DISC Tuesday evening PHRF races on the Potomac. She often planned Caribbean adventures sailing with her friends and many times participated in the Parade of Lights Christmas Parades in Alexandria." --Wayne Williams



I had the privilege of serving with Dorothy on the Board and the fun of sailing with her, too. Dorothy served for so many terms as Treasurer that I started to refer to her as "Treasurer for Life." She was one of those people who delighted in doing for others and whose service contributed so much to others. For a long time, her boat was two slips away from mine at the marina. I was thinking just last week while working on my boat about how much I missed seeing her at there. None of us who knew her will forget her service to the club, her thoughtful advice, and most of all, her incredible enthusiasm and positive outlook on life.

--Jay Weitzel

***Dorothy Stocks aboard Rebecca, a SCOW-owned Catalina 25. (Photo by Alice Starcke)***

She was always so gracious, kind and generous, took many people out on her boat *Liberty Belle*, participated in racing and social activities. I also sailed with her on club boats and she was great company as well as a skilled sailor.--Mary Bashore

SCOW taught me how to sail, but Dorothy Stocks taught me how to be a sailor--how to walk the walk, talk the talk, love the wind, and never stop growing. She was generous and giving and the "funnest" of fun. And she made me a sailor--what greater gift is there?--Peg O'Laughlin

I think I never saw her without a smile as she moved through the marina or sailed along on the river or on the Bay.--Barby Ullman

"I spent many pleasant hours sailing with Dorothy on *Liberty Belle*. I also recall the good times we had cruising around St. Vincent & the Grenadines in 2006, in the company of 17 other SCOW sailors aboard 3 large catamarans."—Alice Starcke



*Jan Earle face painting Dorothy*

"I sailed with Dorothy and her partner, Steve Linke, on their Tartan 42 from Miami Beach to Key West. And again over this past Memorial Day weekend for a reunion raft-up on the Chesapeake with a number of old SCOW friends who we sailed with on the Bay, the Potomac River, and the Caribbean. It was a great holiday in spite of the rain. We had a number of great pleasure cruises and races together on the Potomac over the years as well. I particularly remember a SCOW overnight sailing and camping trip to Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton, VA, with flotilla of SCOW cruisers and privately owned boats going downriver from the Washington Sailing Marina to Gunston Cove. We will all miss her."—Mike Rothenberg

## SCOW Racing Program

By Dave Beckett, SCOW Racing Director

### Fall Series I Underway

Day 1 – Race Committee, Scott McConnell (PRO), Ronnie Lewis, and Randy Rosenfeld set up a nice windward leeward course and we were able to get in a W2 and a W1 under light air conditions before the wind died on the first day of racing. Picking the correct side of the course, managing current, and minimizing tacks in order to keep the boat moving were the key to success. There was a bit of hiking out on the wrong side of the boat as well.

## Flying Scot Fall Series I

Results are provisional as of 23:09 on August 27, 2017

Sailed: 7, Discards: 0, To count: 7, Entries: 7

Rank	Boat	SailNo	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1st	Triple B	4450	Dave Beckett	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	9.0
2nd	Sunset Song	5323	Dick Kerr	1.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	19.0
3rd	Green Hornet	2324	Mike Hooban	3.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	28.0
4th	Elisse	5773	Bhaskar Purkayastha	8.0DNC	8.0DNC	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	31.0
5th	Firth Lady	5296	Joe Warren	7.0DNS	3.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	32.0
6th	Susie Q	4643	John Graham	4.0	4.0	8.0DNS	6.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	38.0
7th	Caroline	5016	Kevin Longenbach	5.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	43.0

Sailwave Scoring Software 2.19.8

[www.sailwave.com](http://www.sailwave.com)



*Day 1 – Sunset Song heading upwind*

Day 2 – PRO Ronnie Lewis, not only did a great job running the races, he brought a sweet deck boat out for the Race Committee. Sunday, 21 Aug is why we sail. 78 degree air temp, low humidity, and 8-10 kt wind. The northeast wind dictated an east-west orientation for course set up which means short sprint races that are more tactical than longer courses. Races were close with a lot of company at the marks.



*Day – 2 Race Committee – Ronnie, Shelly, Matt, Kate. Nice job. Nice ride.*



*Fleet off on starboard tack after the start*



*Sunset Song and Triple B cozy alongside during spinnaker hoist*



*Triple B tacking behind Elisse after reeling her in on the final beat of the last race of the day. Elisse tacks to cover and stay ahead at the starboard tack layline.*



*The sprint to the mark. On this short course, whoever rounds the windward mark first will win the race. Triple B barely fetching, has to pinch. Elisse has the speed edge.*



*Elisse seals the deal at the mark as Triple B has to shoot the mark to get around. Elisse holds on downwind to take a bullet in the final race.*



*'Scuse me while I kiss the sky. **Warning: objects in the GoPro are much closer in real life than they appear in photos.** Flight attendant told us to finish our drinks.*

## Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) Annual One Design (AOD) Regatta Dress Rehearsal for the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championships in September



*Fishing Bay Yacht Club on Friday evening with rain in the forecast*

Two weeks removed from the Sandy Douglass up at Deep Creek Lake, Stuart and I took the boat down to Deltaville, VA, home of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) and the venue for the upcoming 2017 Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC) at the end of September. On this weekend, 12-13 August, we were there for the FBYC Annual One Design Regatta which also served as the Hampton One Design class Nationals. There were 20 Flying Scots registered. We were on big water with big chop this time after the adventure on the confined waters of Deep Creek. Once again, rain was in the forecast but after a postponement ashore, we got to sail out a couple miles and start racing. We got two races in on Saturday and the Race Committee surprised us with three on Sunday. These were long windward leeward races with the marks at least a mile or more apart. We finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the first race; didn't have a bad start or problems during the race, just finished in the middle of the pack. Stu said he thought we tacked too many times. We couldn't put our finger on anything in particular, so we agreed to tack less in the next race.



*Day 1 Race 1 – After the start. Still raining. How we doing on the fleet?*

In the second race, we had a good start, sailed well, and finished 4<sup>th</sup>, narrowly missing third place. At the end of the first day, we were in 8<sup>th</sup> place overall. Our only casualty of the weekend was a bent tiller extension that happened somewhere in the midst of an encounter with a boat from the Hampton fleet that we'd caught up with on Saturday. They got in our way and when we got clear of them, I looked back and the tiller extension looked like a noodle.



*Need to replace that. Not sure how it happened but it happened fast.*

On Sunday, we got out of the blocks with a great start and led for the first mile and ended up finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. We figured out how to get the lead. Now we need to figure out how to keep it. We probably needed to tack more this time so we didn't have so much lateral distance between us and the rest of the fleet. Too much leverage. We had a great start going in the second race but determined that we might not have stayed clear enough of a leeward boat at the starting line, so we took a penalty turn even though there was no protest. We weren't sure, but better to try and be a good ambassador, than push things for the sake of a few boat places. Despite the penalty, we came back to finish 7<sup>th</sup>. In the last race we decided to start at the committee boat end of the line so we could go right and take advantage of a right shift that was on. We tacked out to the right after the start, had a strong race, and edged out another boat in a spinnaker drag race to the finish line to take 4<sup>th</sup>. After it was all said and done, we ended up 5<sup>th</sup> out of 20 for the weekend and were really happy with it. Regatta results here. <https://www.fbyc.net/Events/2017/08.12.onedesign/FS-HOD.html>

The great thing about the Flying Scot Class is the diversity of sailors that can compete and excel. In this regatta, there were father-son teams, husband-wife teams, women skippers, young guys, old guys, and families with kids all in the hunt. Of the top five finishing teams, #2 and #5 were father-son. #3 was husband-wife, and #4 Joe Brake sailed with his wife and two sons, aged four and six.



*Day 1 Race 2 – Getting off to a good start with most of the fleet astern.*



*Day 1 – Sun starts to break out. Hampton One Designs in the background.*



*Day 1 – Blue sky. Tacking in light wind and heavy chop costs a lot of distance and speed.*



*Day 2 – Race Committee*



*Off on starboard tack after the start – Can we tack yet?*



*Can we tack yet? – Looking back at the fleet after the start, that's what he sees.*



*After a penalty turn – still in decent shape – on top of a lot of boats and in phase with wind. Worked back in to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.*



*In 4<sup>th</sup> place on the run once we got past the guy alongside.*



*The leaders, almost within reach.*



*Hampton One Designs heading back up the course as Flying Scot leaders approach leeward mark. Boat at far left, another father-son team, meets us at the mark.*



*They round inside and the race for third place is on. They eventually prevailed and finished second overall for the regatta.*



*Upwind, weaving through the rest of the fleet on its way down the course.*



*Fishing Bay at sunset.*

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## The Latest Financials

By Mike Hooban, SCOW Treasurer

We've decided to start publishing the SCOW Balance Sheet periodically in the ChaNNels newsletter. This is intended to provide basic data about our finances to those who have an interest in it. It also avoids the need for the treasurer to try to convey all this orally at membership meetings, where a full discussion would be very difficult. I hope you'll feel free to contact me at [treasurer@scow.org](mailto:treasurer@scow.org) if you have questions or desire further clarification.

Sailing Club of Washington			
Balance Sheet			
August 31, 2017			
Mike Hooban , SCOW Treasurer			
<b>Summary of SCOW Assets:</b>			
	Operating Fund		\$ 35,259.97
	Burke & Herbert Checking Account	\$ 12,458.26	
	Burke & Herbert Debit Card Account	\$ 350.95	
	Capital One Savings Account	\$ 22,450.76	
	Reserve Fund		\$ 27,231.77
	Capital One Savings Account	\$ 27,231.77	
	Boat Asset Fund		\$ 32,128.11
	Capital One Money Market Account	\$ 32,128.11	
	<b>Total Fund Assets</b>		<b>\$ 94,619.85</b>
	Fleet Assets		\$ 68,605.00
	2003 Catalina 250 w/ Outboard Motor, Hiatus	\$ 14,500.00	
	2007 Flying Scott & trailer, Elisse	\$ 11,000.00	
	1980 Catalina 25 w/ Outboard Motor, Rebecca	\$ 9,390.00	
	1995 Flying Scot & trailer, Caroline	\$ 7,600.00	
	2000 Flying Scot & trailer, Sunset Song	\$ 6,970.00	
	1981 Capri 25 w/ Outboard Motor, Skirmish	\$ 4,210.00	
	1989 Flying Scot & trailer, Susie Q	\$ 3,595.00	
	1982 Flying Scot & trailer, Selkie	\$ 2,240.00	
	1974 Flying Scot & trailer, Ms. Ellie	\$ 2,220.00	
	2003 Catalina 250 Lion's Paw	\$ 6,880.00	
	<b>Total SCOW Assets</b>		<b>\$ 163,224.85</b>
<b>Operating Fund:</b> The Operating Fund is used to manage revenue and expenses for Training, Skipper Fees, Membership Dues, Social Activities, Fleet Operations, etc. throughout the year. Fund is maintained in two accounts, a Burke and Herbert checking account returning 0.05% APY and a Capital One Money Market Account returning .40% APY.			
<b>Reserve Fund:</b> The Reserve Fund ensures the financial viability of the club in case total disbursements in any year has significantly exceeded budgeted levels. The reserve fund is intended to allow the club to pay its fixed costs and ensure continuity of operations in the year following the overrun until such time as the general fund is restored to balance. The Fund is maintained in a Capital One Savings Account returning .40%. The Business CD that used to contain part of this fund has now been closed.			
<b>Boat Asset Fund:</b> The Boat Asset Fund is used for boat-related capital expenditures. Fund is maintained in a Capital One Money Market Account returning .40% APY.			

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# SCOW Upcoming Events

By Richard Kaiser, SCOW Vice Commodore 2017 and Marie Brennan, River/Bay Director

## September Event Calendar

**Sat Sep 16, 2017**

All day PRSA President's Cup Regatta  
8am Fall Basic Sailing Water Class 3  
8am Fall Cruiser Sailing Water Class 1

**Sun Sep 17, 2017**

All day PRSA President's Cup Regatta  
8am Cruiser Sailing 2 Water Class 2  
8am Fall Basic Sailing Water Class 4

**Wed Sep 20, 2017**

5pm Wed. night racing  
6:30pm Fall Basic Sailing Land Class 3

**Thu Sep 21, 2017**

6pm Social Sail  
6:30pm Fall Cruiser Sailing Land Class 2

**Sat Sep 23, 2017**

Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championships / Capital District  
Championships  
DC Sail Cantina Cup.  
8am Fall Basic Sailing Water Class 5  
8am Fall Cruiser Sailing Water Class 3

**Sun Sep 24, 2017**

Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championships / Capital District  
Championships  
8am Fall Basic Sailing Water Class 6  
8am Fall Cruiser Sailing Water Class 4

**Wed Sep 27, 2017**

5pm Wed. night racing  
6:30pm Fall Basic Sailing Land Class 4

**Thu Sep 28, 2017**

6pm Social Sail

**Sat Sep 30, 2017**

9am Maintenance Day

**Thu Oct 5, 2017**

6:30 PM Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crabhouse, BEACH BONFIRE! Live Music! Great food! <http://timsrivershore.com/> . Social Sail will be over by then, so see ya there!

**Sat Oct 7, 2017**

Gangplank's Live-aboard Community Tour- view 20+ live-aboards- purchase tickets at <http://www.dchouseboat.org/>; Metro accessible. Marie will be attending and hopes to meet up with others who are interested! Get your tickets soon as they sold out last year.

**Sat/Sun Oct 7th/8<sup>th</sup>**

**Annapolis Boat Show- Jonathon Thron will be leading a group going on Saturday- meet at WSM G dock at 8:30am. I will most likely be going Sunday Morning- if there is enough interest we can see about carpooling.**

**These events are open to everyone! Hope to see people there-**

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