

Commodore's Log



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Ahoy!

It's hard to believe that we're already in October and both Social Sail and SCOW's Racing programs are over for the year. I made so many new friends at these programs - Thanks to Marie Brennan / Social Activities Director and Dave Beckett / Racing Director for creating and managing two such great programs for our members.

We'll finish the year strong with membership meetings, club elections and Hail and Farewell. Please participate in all of these programs and show your Club spirit.

Finally, tickets are still available for Hail and Farewell - SCOW's annual celebration to recognize our great volunteers that keep YOUR club sailing along. Join us for a great party to wrap up 2019.

See you on the water -

Richard Kaiser, Commodore 2019



Maintenance Day October 5, 2019 - Photo, courtesy of George Clark

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Racing Corner

Dave Beckett | Racing Director



SCOW's racing season is winding down. The last Wednesday night of racing was 25 Sep and the Director's Cup Regatta, on 6 Oct, will be the year's culminating racing event. It has been a big year, with SCOW skippers taking their boats on the road to regattas around the region and SCOW sailors playing a huge role in the resurgence of Flying Scot one design racing on the Potomac.

J-22 Racing in Baltimore at the DSC Ya'Gotta Regatta

Through a veteran led volunteer sailing program call US Patriot Sailing, I became involved in racing J-22s up in Baltimore's Inner Harbor through another great program called the Downtown Sailing Center (DSC). Both non-profit organizations improve people's lives through sailing, whether it be veterans, under privileged people, youth, or people with disabilities. For more information on these organizations or to donate see the links below:

<https://www.uspatriotsailing.org/>
<https://www.downtownsailing.org/>

Through US Patriot Sailing, I was able to skipper an all veteran crew on a J-22 in the annual fundraising DSC Ya' Gotta Regatta. It was a very competitive fleet of eleven boats. We finished 10th out of 11 and weren't really disappointed. We sailed well and had a great time. Just like with the Flying Scot, there are some sail trim and balance secrets that I need to figure out to be competitive. We had great starts, stayed out of trouble, but somehow ended up rounding the windward mark at or near the bottom most of the time. It's a speed thing and I remember feeling that same thing of wondering why, when I went on the road with Triple B. Some decent non-action photos of the waterway in Baltimore on the way to the races. We got towed out, but the wind came up great just in time to have six races.



This fire boat came through with water cannons going and was followed by this...



Racing Corner - Continued



The 100 ft Pride of Baltimore https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pride_of_Baltimore



Pride of Baltimore firing a cannon in the Inner Harbor.

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Racing Corner - Continued



The first of two groups of J-22s getting towed out to the race area near Ft. McHenry.



The rest of the fleet getting towed out.



Oh say can you see...Ft McHenry, seen from our boat, before the sea breeze filled in for some fantastic racing in the same area where the historic battle was fought during the War of 1812.



Membership Corner

Barry Yatt | Membership Director



As for our membership stats as of 9/27, we have 436 adult members: 278 renewals and 158 first-time. Of those, 86 are household bundles with 178 members. (Part of the increase over what I reported last month is due to increased accuracy of household recordkeeping) Another 15 are minors. This is all summarized below:

	Individuals	Households			Both	Minors
		HseAds	HseMbs	HseTotal		
Renewals	158	56	64	120	278	4
New Members	100	30	28	58	158	11
Both	258	86	92	178	436	15

And please help me welcome the following first-time adult members this month (yes, even this late in the season we're still getting sign-ups!):

- **Tejal Gami;**
- **Patrick Jansen;**
- **Maryam Soroush Jansen;**
- **Vivian Ramirez;**
- **Paige Thibodeaux; and**
- **Jian Zhang**

Your membership remains of great value even now, though social sails are behind us and there are only a few more weeks of racing season and sailing classes. Boats are available all year so long as the river is clear of ice (with mandatory PFDs) for skippers to reserve, for those who have completed their written skipper exams and want to work with a tutor and complete their on-water exams, and for everyone to get out on the water as crew. Oktoberfest, Hail and Farewell, monthly programs, fleet maintenance days, and other formal and informal activities will also help you get through to spring (it does seem odd to say that when the weather is still forecast to hit 90). Enjoy and be safe.

Yours in sailing,

Barry Yatt



It's a Party!



Hail & Farewell is SCOW's annual blow-out party to thank all of our great volunteers for another super sailing season. Mark your calendar for the evening of November 16, 2019. Music, food and your best sailing buddies. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.



2019 Board Appointees

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River and Bay

Carlie Smith | River and Bay Activities Director



SCOW Takes Nationals Park



Just when you thought baseball season was coming to a close, SCOW is stretching the fun well in to the fall. If you've ever been to a Nationals game, you know the hassle of finding expensive parking or fighting crowds on the metro. With friends in SCOW, you can avoid all that by traveling by sea.

On August, 30th, three SCOW cruisers filled with crew headed towards Yards Park and docked just in time for the first pitch to be thrown. We caught the president's race, the 7th inning stretch rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and a Curly W for the Nationals!



An added benefit of sailing to the game is a front row view of post-game fireworks. Yards Park is a great attraction whether you are an MLB fan or not. Tons of bars and restaurants, summertime outdoor concerts and with the new Audi soccer stadium open, this is sure to be a spot where cruising enthusiasts revisit again and again.



Social Activities

Marie Brennan | Social Activities Director



Social Sail Season has come to an end. We had a wonderful season, with only one Thursday getting completely rained out.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make each Social Sail run smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to all the members that show up each week, who are always so welcoming to new members and eager to represent our club and brag about the benefits of membership!

Thank you to all the skippers who take people out, and educate them on our boats and sailing activities. We were never lacking for skippers or volunteers for Dock Master and Assistant Dock masters, which makes my job so easy!

Shout out to all the volunteers who helped as a Chef, to feed our hungry crew and to everyone who brought food on the potluck days. Here's to the end of a great season, and already looking forward to next year.

Hope to see everyone at our annual Hail & Farewell, a fun evening to celebrate the past year!



Oktoberfest 2019

Photo, Courtesy of Marie Brennan



Skippers' Corner

Chip Lubsen | Skipper Certification Director



Congratulations to Three New SCOW Skippers

Congratulations To: Jen Barnes – Cruiser Skipper

Thank You To: Tutor Becky Cole and Checkout Skipper Luis Rivas



Also Congratulations To: Janet Wells-Smith – Flying Scot Skipper

Thank You To: Tutors Bill Gillespie and Tim Bliss, and to Checkout Skipper Luis Rivas

And Congratulations To: Daniel Vega – Flying Scot Skipper

Thank You To: Tutors Neil Shepherd and Tim Bliss and to Tutor/Checkout Skipper Luis Rivas



Skippers' Corner Continued

Keeping the Streak Alive

No Incidents in September – Four months in a row of incident-free quality skippering!
Thank You for keeping our members, guests and fleet safe - and keep up the great work.



Reminders

- Cruiser Skippers - Please remember to remove your Float Plans from the mail box after returning to WSM.
- Skipper fees just went down 50% due to the short season remaining. Skipper candidates – let's work together to get you CERTIFIED.



Skipper Prospects Update

The SCOW Skipper Prospect List currently names 44 Flying Scot and 10 Cruiser candidates. Fifteen candidates have requested tutoring on their way to a water checkout and 12 are in various stages of working on the written test. For that written test, be sure to follow the instructions on the web site carefully so that we can take full advantage of the automated form. Please let me know how I can help if you feel stuck. Contact me at skipper@scow.org. If you and I have not already communicated and you are planning to pursue certification in 2019, please send me an email so I can confirm you are on, or add you to, the list. I look forward to helping you achieve your goal of becoming a SCOW certified skipper! Please write to skipper@scow.org and title your email **Skipper Prospect**.

Happy and Safe Sailing to All

Chip Lubsen



SCOW Events – October 2019

Day/Date	Event	
Thursday	3 October	Oktoberfest Tentative Date
Saturday	5 October	Cruiser Water Class 3 Flying Scot Maintenance Day
Sunday	6 October	Cruiser Water Make Up SCOW Director's Cup Regatta
Monday	7 October	SCOW BOD Meeting
Thursday	10 October	6:00pm SCOW Membership Meeting Hard Times, Old Town, VA
Friday	11 October	Raft Up
Saturday	12 October	Basic Sailing 3, Water Class Make Up Flying Scot Maintenance Day - Rain Make Up
Sunday	13 October	Basic Sailing 3, Water Class Make Up
Saturday	26 October	8:00am Cruiser Fleet Day



Please check the SCOW calendar online, for up-to-date schedules, additional events, times and descriptions (SCOW.ORG). Also check with the appropriate Board member for more information; contact information is at the end of the ChaNNels Newsletter.



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