

## Commodore's Log

The month of May was a busy one! Both cruisers were out of service for most of the month for badly needed maintenance. The work was postponed repeatedly due to the constant rain, resulting in even the Cruiser Course water sessions having to be postponed. Rebecca was hauled to have repairs done to the bottom and the transom, and to be repainted. Before she was hauled, a group of dedicated SCOW volunteers spent many hours lowering the mast for inspection, removing the broken transom pulpit and the loose stanchions, and identifying all the areas of damage for repair. Then she spent several weeks sitting in the yard being rained on. Topaz was scheduled to have her bottom painted after Rebecca. Unfortunately, she suffered an accident, causing damage to her bow pulpit and deck. Once again, the group of SCOW volunteers got together and removed her mast and prepped her for hauling. Thanks to the work of Tom Kelly, Ron Sheldon, and all their helpers, her mast was rewired while it was down, and the mast lights are now working. I would also like to thank George Umberger for his work in organizing and participating in all the major maintenance work this year.

This may be a good time to remind SCOW skippers of their responsibilities in the event of damage to a boat. In the case of Topaz' pulpit damage, the responsible skipper informed the Board and was very helpful and responsive to requests for additional information and photos. He arranged for the repairs to be made, and assisted with prepping the boat for hauling. The Board and the Boat Asset Committee were kept informed, and have been pleased with the way this skipper handled this incident.

The SCOW Skipper Requirements and Boat Use Policy provides guidance for such a mishap. As a refresher, it states that the skipper will:

- \* Immediately notify the Maintenance Director if equipment is lost or broken while the skipper is using the boat and, if authorized to make the expenditure by the Maintenance Director, the responsible member ideally would do the "leg work" of purchasing the replacement equipment or assisting with the needed repairs. The Club generally pays for replacement equipment unless the damage is caused by deliberate misuse or misconduct, in which case the skipper may be held responsible.
- \* File an accident report for any incident requiring such filing by state or District law, with a copy to the Commodore, Skipper Director, and Maintenance Director. For any incident involving accident or injury for which a filing is not required by law, immediately notify the Commodore, Skipper Director, and Maintenance Director verbally to be followed by a written report on the incident.
- \* Notify the Maintenance Director of any needed repairs to boat, trailer, or lockers.

The month of May also saw changes in the SCOW Board of Directors. The Racing and Maintenance Directors stepped down, and the Training Director found he would be traveling for much of the summer. In accordance with the bylaws, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Kim Richards as Director at Large to assist with the training scheduling issues over the summer. The Board also unanimously approved the appointment of Tom Kelly as the new Maintenance Director. It is no secret to those who do maintenance on the club boats that Tom has already been doing a lot of the maintenance work himself! Thank you, Kim and Tom, for stepping up! The Board expects the position of Racing Director to be filled by the time this issue is published. In the meantime, I would like to thank Wayne Wisniewski, Adam Pressman, and Alice Starcke for their help with securing the necessary race permits and organizing the Flying Scot races until we have a permanent director in place.

Let's all hope June has perfect sailing weather and SCOW has newly repaired boats to sail in!

See you on the water! Lisa

## Next Membership Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2009

**Location:** American Legion Post, 400 Cameron Street, in Old Town Alexandria

**Time:** Socializing downstairs begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm.

**Guest speaker:** Captain Hank Moseley will tell the history of the Schooner Virginia, and how the replica was made

General Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, American Legion Post, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria -- Social hour at 6:30 pm; program at 7:30 pm
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 Deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> of every month. Submit articles to: <a href="mailto:channels09@scow.org">channels09@scow.org</a>
2009 Calendar	<a href="http://www.scow.org/calendar.html">http://www.scow.org/calendar.html</a>
SCOW Pictures	<a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington">http://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington</a>
SCOW Web Site	<a href="http://www.scow.org">http://www.scow.org</a>

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### Upcoming SCOW General Meetings

**Monday, June 8** -- Captain Hank Moseley will tell the history of the Schooner Virginia, and how the replica was made.

**Monday, July 13** – Join us for a viewing of “Live to Tell,” in which a family’s decision to sail the world takes a life-threatening turn when their boat hits a reef. Afterwards, Bill Swanson will facilitate a discussion of SCOW panelists on handling emergency situations on a sailboat.

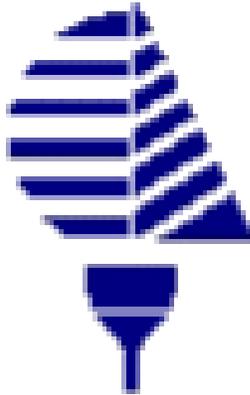
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The all@scow.org mailing list has moved to Google Groups. To join, send an e-mail to [scow-all+subscribe@googlegroups.org](mailto:scow-all+subscribe@googlegroups.org), go to <http://groups.google.com/group/scow-all>, or contact [postmaster@scow.org](mailto:postmaster@scow.org). E-mail to the list can still be sent to all@scow.org.



The lowering of Rebecca's mast by SCOW volunteers



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