

Chanels

The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington
November 2009

Commodore's Log

Here we are in November. For many people, this is the end of the sailing season. However, I recall many beautiful sailing days in January, so if you put your sailing gear away for the winter you may miss out on some lovely days when the river could be all yours.

Either way, November is an exciting time. The Hail & Farewell will be held on the Cherry Blossom, with the ticket price including the boarding fee, dinner, dancing, music, and a paid bar. The program and awards will be short, as we want to just have fun on the river.

The election is also in November, so be sure to mail in your ballots, or come to the November General Meeting to participate in the election. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the leadership of the club, so please let your voice be heard!

This has been a long year for me, and full of unexpected changes in my life. I truly appreciate all the fabulous people who have helped me this year, and I have enjoyed the wonderful people I've worked with and sailed with. My only regret this year is that I didn't sail enough -- but that will soon be remedied! I've been very fortunate to have some amazing people serve with me on the board, and I hope next year's board will be just as great.

I also hope to see lots of people at the Hail & Farewell. I know I'm ready for a party!

Until then, fair winds, and following seas!

- Lisa



SCOW's annual Octoberfest -- featuring good food and great friends!

Candidates for the 2010 SCOW Board of Directors

<p>Chris von Guggenberg Commodore</p> 	<p>Richard Chan Treasurer</p> 	<p>Seth Allen Training Director</p> 
<p>Faith Shields Rodell Vice Commodore</p> 	<p>Vana Nesor Social Director</p> 	<p>Amy Hasslacher Skipper Director</p> 
<p>Valerie Pelton Secretary</p> 	<p>Mark Hogan Maintenance Director</p> 	<p>Lisa Carr River/Bay Director</p> 
 <p>Charles Gilbert, Racing Director</p>	<p>Thanks to the 2009 SCOW Board of Directors for all their hard work!</p> <p>And thanks to the candidates for the 2010 Board, who are willing to do the hard work of keeping this club going!</p>	

Announcing ... a New Arrival!

by George Umberger, Chair, Boat Asset Committee

The Boat Asset Committee wishes to announce a new addition to the SCOW family. Weighing in at over a thousand pounds and nineteen feet long, Sunset Song joined the SCOW family fleet at 1:15 p.m. on October 24, 2009. Sunset Song is the well-cared-for 2000 model Flying Scot previously owned by member Ernie Nussbaum and Patricia Pothier. She will replace our old stalwart, the 1975 model Flying Scot Danschweida, which will be offered up for sale in the near future.

The challenge to Scot skippers will be to maintain her in the excellent condition that Ernie and Patricia have kept her since she was newly purchased in 2001. Before being placed in service, she must be registered, and will be fitted with a swim ladder and minor equipment additions at the November 7 Maintenance Day. Skippers interested in becoming bosuns for Sunset Song should contact Maintenance Director Tom Kelly.

Watch for the announcement of Danschweida's availability in the near future. She will be offered for purchase to SCOW members first, and then if not sold, to the general public.

Thanks are extended to the Boat Asset Committee members and several key bosuns who conducted the fall inspections of all six fleet boats plus Sunset Song on October 24 in preparation for the upcoming Maintenance Day. If you can help with boat maintenance on November 7, please contact Tom Kelly.



**Sunset Song at rest in her
WSM slip B-18**



**Past, present, and future Maintenance Directors John, Tom, and Mark
inspecting Sunset Song**



*Hail and Farewell 2009
Dinner-Dance Cruise*

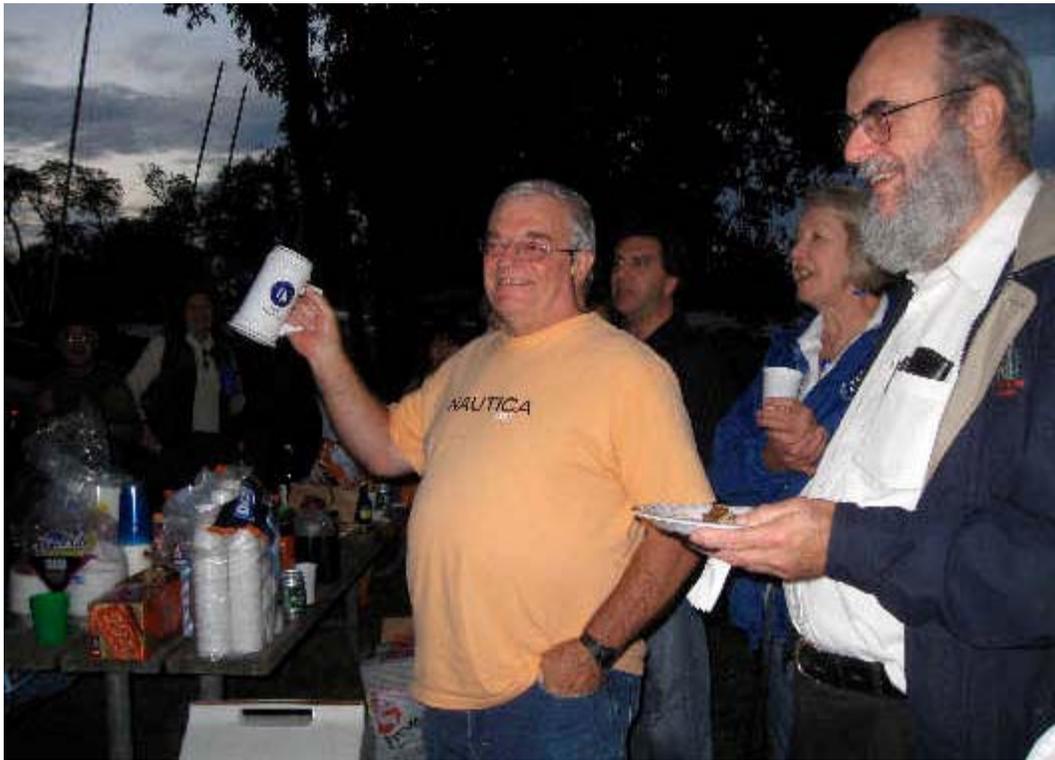
*Join us as we say "Farewell" to the current board
and "Hail" to the new board
and with a brief member awards ceremony*

*On a delightful fall evening cruise up the
Potomac on the paddle wheel boat,
The Cherry Blossom*

*Saturday, November 14, 2009 7-10 pm
Black Tie Optional Open bar*

*Members—\$80 (\$80 for 1 non-member guest attending with a member)
Non members—\$100 RSVP by Nov 4th*

Send Checks payable to "Sailing Club of Washington" to Chris von Guggenberg,
Treasurer, SCOW, 316 E. Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria Va. 22301-1244 or pay
via Paypal vendor, "treasurer@scow.org"
For additional information: contact social director at social@scow.org



Doug Kelch's Going- Away Party

Fifty SCOW members enjoyed a potluck supper at the marina on October 8th to wish Doug Kelch a fond farewell and to thank him for everything he has done for the club over the many years he has been a member. Doug is moving to Arizona -- and will be greatly missed!



Fall + Flotilla = Fun!

By Jack Weaver

On the weekend of September 19-20, in celebration of the autumnal equinox, and as another excuse to party, seven SCOW cruisers convened for the second annual Fall Flotilla and Rendezvous at Fort Washington Marina. The weather was all one could ask for (except for any wind, alas!). The partying was definitely up to SCOW standards.

The boat count was down a bit from last year, due to some last minute cancellations due to mechanical issues, and because we turned out to be head-to-head with the Masters of the Potomac Regatta running out of Quantico that weekend. (Note to self/Board: Next year, check the PRSA calendar!)

Boats in attendance were: Valhalla (Jack Weaver), Rebecca (Henry Cheng), Tango II (Rob Van Tassel), Fauty Joon (David O'Neil), Bali Dancer (Vana Nespor), Intrepid (Mike Rothenberg), and Tamarisk (George Umburger). Several land-yachts also delivered some partygoers for dinner Saturday night. Most boats were in place on "A" dock by 1600 hrs, and the socializing began in earnest, first on Mary Smith's houseboat and then in the picnic pavilion at the head of the dock.

The theme for Saturday dinner was You Bring It, You Burn It! There were grills and camp stoves set up, the club provided baked potatoes and roasted corn-on-the-cob. Nobody went hungry! There were steaks, hot dogs, and everything in between.

Sunday morning, Social Director Faith Rodell and her stalwart crew again set forth a fabulous breakfast of fresh fruit, juices, eggs scrambled or to order, bacon, sausage, hotcakes, rolls, and pastries. Breakfast is always the highlight of these weekends, and this year was great. Our thanks to all who helped.

Becki Sorianosos and her marina staff were in their usual cheerful and accommodating mode...thanks to them everything went off smoothly. We are already looking forward to next year, and we'll try to make it the best rendezvous ever!

Next Membership Meeting: Monday, November 9

If you haven't mailed your ballot back, bring it with you to the meeting.
Ballots will be counted, and the 2010 SCOW Board will be announced!

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

General Meetings	2 nd Monday of every month (open to all; see details above)
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 th of every month. Submit articles to: channels09@scow.org
Calendar	http://www.scow.org/calendar.html
SCOW Pictures	http://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington
SCOW Web Site	http://www.scow.org

Please note: There will be no Membership Meeting in December.



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