

ChanNels

The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington
April 2006 – 40th Year Anniversary

Commodore's Log

Did you know that more than more than sixty percent of SCOW's members rely on other members to take them out sailing? No wonder so many members say that they have a difficult time getting out in the boats!

To address this problem, this year's board is initiating a new program called "Crew Liaison" and we have a new club director to plan and initiate it – Melissa Ennis, Crew Liaison Director. Melissa was New Member Coordinator for several years now and she is a real "crew person."

The goal of the Crew Liaison program is to help SCOW skippers and SCOW boat owners to contact club members who want to sail as crew, and to help non-skipper members find a ride on a boat. Two databases will be generated: a list of skippers and boat owners willing to use SCOW members as crew, and a list of SCOW members who are



SCOW
Flying Scots

available to crew. The crew database will be provided to skippers and boat owners and the skipper database will be provided to members wishing to crew. The databases will provide information on preferred sailing days and times, crew skills, what kind of boat will be sailed, whether the skipper sails on the river or the bay (or both), and contact telephone numbers and email addresses. The information will be particularly useful for skippers who need to fill a last-minute crew slot and for members who prefer to make plans spontaneously.

Databases will be available only to members submitting special information sheets to Director Ennis. You can pick up one of these information sheets at SCOW meetings and events and they can be obtained by emailing crew@scow.org. The deadline for having your name on the first database is April 15 and we hope to have the electronic and paper copies available to participants by May 1. We plan to update the databases at least every 60 days to allow new members (and those who discover that they're missing out on a lot of fun) to participate. Join up now!

Ovios Wins First Matey Contest

SCOW member Carol Ovios won the Commodore's First Matey Contest with her entry "Lee Ward." Commodore Jan has opted to change the spelling to "Lew Ward" so the name more nearly reflects how the sailing term "leeward" is pronounced.

First Matey Lew Ward and Commodore Jan congratulate Carol and award her the prize of a 13-liter Sea To Summit Dry Sack in which to keep her sailing kit.

Jan Earle
Commodore
Sailing Club of Washington

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Riverside Chat

by Dorothy Stocks

Those who were fortunate enough to join Tom Beachem and friends on the **Frostbite Cruise to Mt. Vernon** had a wonderful day basking in the sun with temperatures more like 75 than 32! Not much wind, but certainly a wonderful day on the water.

Our first SCOW River event is scheduled to be a **sail to Atlantis** on Sunday, April 2nd. Last year our then Commodore, Steve Linke, introduced us to the tranquility and amazing discovery of a little Cove north and west of the Route 1 Bridge. Three Flying Scots and one of the River Fleet boats, A-Dory-Ble, tied up and had lunch together. It was a great discovery. Once acquainted, you will want to share the experience with fellow sailors!

We hope to have the Flying Scots, Psycho and any others from the River Fleet we can get to join us this year. We'll be leaving the small docks at WSM no later than 9:00 a.m. and not returning until 1:00 p.m. Contact river@scow.org or Steve Linke for participation details.

Looking for crew or just want to show off your boat? **SCOW River Fleet** boat owners are invited and encouraged to join a raft up at the cranes **Thursday, April 27** at Social Sail. 6:00 p.m. until dark.



The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears or the sea.

Isak Dinesen

SCOW Racing News - SCOW's annual Tune-Up Regatta for keelboats (cruising boats) will take place on Saturday, April 22, at Washington Sailing Marina. Those wishing to register their boats, willing to help the race coordinator or seeking to crew should contact Bill Davenport at race@scow.org.

The drawing for SCOW racing skippers wishing to race in the DISC-KISS series will be held at the April General Meeting on April 10. You must be a paid-up SCOW member and skipper to participate in the drawing. If you are unable to attend the drawing, you may send a proxy with the authority to make your race choices. This year, racing skippers will be required to mentor a SCOW racing skipper candidate, or help with a racing crew training event, or be a coordinator for a Flying Scot racing night. The DISC-KISS race series will begin Tuesday, April 25. Contact Bill Bernhards at boatique@scow.org or Commodore Jan at commodore@scow.org for more information.

SCOW Tuesday night Flying Scot races will begin on Tuesday, April 25, and continue until the end of the sailing season in the Fall. These events are for SCOW members only and no reservations are required. The boats are put in the water around 6:15 pm and leave the dock about 6:30 pm. Members interested in helping to coordinate a race night should contact race@scow.org.

The Commodore and SCOW racing skippers and racing boat owners will be sponsoring free keelboat racing crew training sessions in April, May, June and July. Contact race@scow.org if you are interested in participating either as crew or as a skipper or boat owner.

T2P.TV'S BEST OF SAILING VIDEO SERIES, PRESENTED BY MERRILL LYNCH

Date: Friday, April 21st, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Potowmack (Indigo) Landing Restaurant, Alexandria, VA

Cost: Free!

Clay Bartel of Merrill Lynch is sponsoring T2P.TV's Best of Sailing Video Series, a compilation of the best shows from T2Productions' coverage of major regattas throughout the US and Caribbean. The one hour presentation, run by T2P's Tucker Thompson, is free to all who wish to attend and will take place at 7:00 PM at the Potowmack (Indigo) Landing Restaurant, Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Dr, Alexandria, VA.

The show will include coverage from Key West Race Week, the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, Block Island Race Week, and the 470 World Championships. Each segment is introduced by T2P's commentator Tucker Thompson, who provides live action play-by-play commentating in shows from every event.

The presentation will conclude with post show questions, cocktails, and dinner for those interested. (Note: cocktails and dinner not provided) T2Productions is the only company producing continuous online sailing coverage from major regattas throughout North America broadcast on demand on the www.t2p.tv sailing network. Mr. Bartel and Merrill Lynch have teamed up with T2P to offer this one of a kind entertainment night for sailors.

It's a regatta party without the regatta! Please forward this invitation on to sailors, clubs, and mailing lists in the DC area. **Space is limited.** If you would like to attend please RSVP to Clayton_Bartel@ml.com with the name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone, and email for each participant.

SCOW SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2006

April 1 – Annual Boat Spring Maintenance – Members encouraged to attend 9am thru 3pm

April 6 – **The Start of Social Sails:** Please sign up for co-chef and Dockmaster opportunities. Each Thursday night, we meet at the dock (Washington Sailing Marina) and socialize, eat and sail.

July 1 – **SCOW 40th Anniversary Barbeque**

Sep 9 & 10 - Smith Island Trip, Weekend trip, (Limited Space)
This was a huge success last year. Hope you can join us this year.

October – Fall Flotilla

November 18 – Hail & Farewell at City Tavern in Georgetown

Other Social Events

The Afterglow party in January was well attended and set the stage for a busy 2006! We enjoyed reminiscing about all the SCOW activities in 2005 and look forward to all the Socials and Sails in 2006.

The Winter Cruise has just returned from St Vincent in the Grenadines. Approximately 20 folks chartered three 40' catamarans and sailed for 8 days. What fun!!! Let's hope you can talk with them at the Re-Up Brunch on March 12 at the Colonies at McLean and hear all about it, as well as sign up for their next cruise.

A Memorable Event in Sailing History, by Henry Cheng SCOW Vice Commodore

“There is No Second!” – We have probably all heard this phrase at some point in time as sailors, especially those of us who love to race.

In the year 1851, Queen Victoria was watching the Royal Yacht Squadron’s 100 Guinea Cup race between the Isle of Wight and the south coast of England. A radical looking schooner named “America” swiftly took the first position and, as it sailed past the Royal Yacht, dipped its ensign three times to salute the Queen. Queen Victoria asked her attendants to tell her who was in second place. “Your Majesty, there is no second,” came the reply.

The young Republic kept the Cup for over 100 years, and it became known as The America’s Cup, after the yacht that first won her away from Britain! Those four words, “There is no Second” still represent the singular pursuit of excellence.

You can learn more about America's Cup history on the following web site links, on which this article is based on:

<http://americascup.com/en/>

<http://cbs.sportsline.com/sailing/americascup/history>

<http://www.cupineurope.com/LatestNews/History-LN.htm>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/other_sports/sailing/americas_cup/history/2196097.stm

<http://www.americascupnews.com/history.htm>

Greetings from Jack Schwartz - SCOW Bay coordinator again this year. I have been sailing the Bay since 1985, when I came from New England (by way of Key West) aboard Melody, my wooden Gulfstream 30 sloop, which many of you “old-timers” may remember attending raftups. I currently cruise aboard Odyssey, a Seafarer 37, out of Holiday Hill marina, off the Rhode River.

I hope to schedule a number of other **Raftups**, and maybe a few **Bay Day Sails**, in the interest of getting more SCOW members out on the Bay. I will try to get crew and skippers together as much as possible, and hope we will all get to enjoy the beautiful waters of the Chesapeake Bay. I understand that Dot Almassey is planning a sequel to last year’s very successful Smith Island Crab Feast raftup, which can be attended by land or sea. See the **Bay Activities Schedule** (page 8 in this issue of ChaNNels).

What is a raftup? For those who may not know: A raftup is an event where a number of boats (SCOW members and others) leave from their respective home ports and sail to a predetermined place. One boat puts out an anchor and others then tie up alongside, and we have the chance to socialize for the evening. If the weather is settled and the holding good, we may spend the night rafted together. Otherwise, some boats may split off and drop their own anchors. The next day, everyone sails back to their home ports. There can be 3-day events on holiday weekends, with a different anchorage between.

How to get out on the Bay: Many skippers have crew, or arrange with friends to sail. However, sometimes a skipper finds they have space aboard and offers to take members out. The best way to get invited is just to go to SCOW events and meet people with boats on the Bay. I will also try to make available names of interested crew to skippers who let me know they have space. Another way to get out is to charter a boat, either bareboat (requires at least one person with experience), or skippered (where a captain is responsible for the boat).

Bay Day Sails: Sometimes people don’t want to make the commitment to spend an entire weekend together, but still enjoy sharing the experience of Bay sailing. In order to help this along, I would like to get more SCOW members out for a few hours by scheduling days to do this. I hope that Bay skippers will take this opportunity to “check out” potential crew or to just share their passion for this great pastime. Anyone who finds they have an uncommitted day can schedule their own Day Sail by contacting me, and I will get the word out.

I will be announcing events in ChaNNels and sending out emails. Feel free to email me at bay@scow.org with questions, to volunteer as crew, to offer berths for raftups or to take on crew for day sails.

Fair winds,
Jack Schwartz, s/v Odyssey

**Next Membership Meeting:
Monday, April 10th, 2006**

All meetings are on the second Monday of the month. Location is at the American Legion, 400 Cameron Street, in Old Town Alexandria (around the corner from Gadsby's Tavern). Socializing downstairs is at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm.

Anacostia River Clean Up Day

Volunteers are needed for the Anacostia River Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Meet at 8:30 am at Pepco's Benning Service Center, 3400 Benning Road NE. Help the National Park Service, Pepco, Pepco Energy Services, North American Energy Services, MHCDO, and others in this worthwhile effort to improve the environment of our area.

Activities end at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please dress appropriately (long pants, long sleeve shirt, sneakers or boots, hat, gloves).

Children above the age of seven are welcome and can receive credit for Community Service.

For additional information, call **Linda Jo Smith at Pepco** (202-872-2024) or **Robert Englund at Pepco Energy Services** (703-253-1787).

USCG Boating Skills and Seamanship Class

A **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills and Seamanship Class** will begin on April 3, meeting from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for eight weeks. Interested persons should show up at 550 Water Street SW, Washington DC, to register on the first day of class.

Course fee was not provided for this announcement but it may be around \$50. Commodore Jan took this course in 2003 and recommends it highly as "good value for the price."

Additional information or instructor contact information is available from the USCG headquarters at 2100 Second Street SW #G, Washington DC 20593, tel. 202-267-1001; ask for information on Flotilla 22.

Volvo Ocean Race – Annapolis Stopover

From May 4 through May 7, the Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival (MMHF) will host the **Annapolis Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race (VOR)**. There will be a great festival with a lot of activities and, of course, plenty of fun for all! As many as 500 volunteers are needed for manning the information booth, director volunteers, answering questions, crowd control, tent set up, media escort and sponsor assistance. To participate in this exciting event, go to the MMHF website at

<http://mdmhf.org/volunteer2.html>. A schedule of Festival events can be found at

http://mdmhf.org/2006/?page_id=6 and the VOR

website is www.volvoceanrace.com. For addition

information on volunteer opportunities, contact

Kristin West, Assistant Coordinator of Volunteers,

at Kristinslp@aol.com.



Now is the time to order your SCOW T-shirts, Denim Shirts, Long sleeve tees and Hats. If you want to let everyone know that you're a SCOW member what better way to do so than with an official SCOW shirt or hat. To get an order form, visit the website www.scow.org or contact Bill Bernhards at boatique@scow.org as soon as possible. The deadline for ordering is April 15, 2006. Ordered items will be available at the May members meeting or you can have them shipped to you (see order form instructions).

Could YOU be SCOW's next ChaNNels Editor?

Want to be the first to know everything?

Good at English?

Hate meetings?

Then work at home and be our new ChaNNels newsletter editor!

Two weeks off every month! Knowledge of MS Word and email access required.

Contact Commodore Jan commodore@scow.org for further information.



SCOW Training By Kristin Stone

We trained the trainers and rubbed off the rust on March 25th. Many thanks to Doug Kelch for training the trainers. It was great to have a good showing of Skippers rub off the rust and get out on the water again. We look forward to a great sailing season.

Our training season begins this month. We filled six of our nine training classes at the RE-UP Brunch on March 12th. However, we still have training opportunities available as follows:

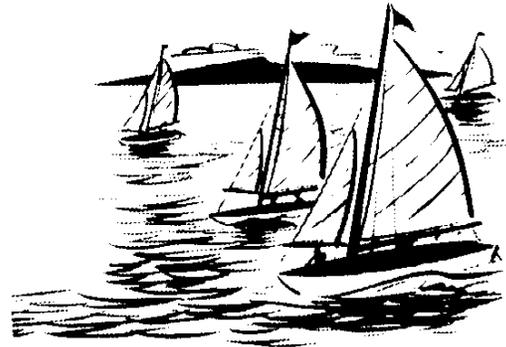
- 1) Intermediate class - 5/10 & 5/17 land only – students will take boats out two weekend days without an instructor to do problem sets
- 2) Spinnaker session 2 – 8/5
- 3) Basic Sailing Session 3 – land 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 water 9/9, 9/10, 9/16, 9/17, 9/30, 10/1
- 4) Audit Students for Basic Sail sessions 1 & 2 (land classes only – check scow calendar for dates)

Email me at training@scow.org if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

We are fortunate that our past Training Director, Doug Kelch, is teaching the Intermediate Sailing Class. The goal of the class is to help you improve your sailing skills so you can sail well rather than just getting there. Topics covered in the class will include an exploration of Hull Forms, sail shapes, trimming sails, adjusting for weather, making wind work for you, powering and de-powering sails and getting the most out of your boat. The course is interactive and all questions will be good questions.

The follow up for the class is for participants to spend two half days on the water completing problem sets provided by the instructor. The plan is to book two flying scots for each follow up session so participants can practice experimental sailing and observe the differing results in each of two boats during these water practice sessions.

The only intermediate course pre-requisite is that you feel comfortable at a flying scot tiller. I hope that you'll consider taking the Intermediate Course this May.



*Any fool can carry on,
but a wise man knows how to shorten sails in time.*

Joseph Conrad

The SCOW 2006 Re-up Brunch

is history and we had a wonderful time. Were you there???

I hope you didn't miss it! Over 125 folks signed up for 2006 Membership, Skipper Qualification and Training. Everyone brought lots of good food for this potluck and your culinary expertise was enjoyed by all. (Fran, we're waiting for the recipe for those little sandwiches!)

Everyone had the opportunity to become a Dockmaster or Chef at the 2006 Thurs Social Sails...but we missed you!!!! Please check with Dot Almassy, Social@Scow.org to pick a date to provide this service to the folks of SCOW. Dates are wide open for June on...

Many thanks to those who helped at the Brunch at the Colonies. Starting with Sal, who arranges for us to use the Club House!. We were happy to see him!!!! Omelet Chefs - Mike Repass and Diane Potts [made the best omelettes ever at the 2006 Re-Up Brunch!!! They used 15 dozen eggs, 2lbs of shrimp, 3 lbs of cheddar, 4 lbs of onions....along with the 8 gallons of Mimosas to wash them down with!!!!](#) Bar Tender - Mary Katterfield and Luis for pitching in. Kitchen Helpers - too numerous to name...and I'm bound to offend someone by the omission. To all the folks who helped set up and clean up and load and unload the vehicles, police the trash, purchased the ice. To all who signed up in advance to help...and those who just pitched in where they saw the need. Door Tenders, Coffee makers, Mimosa Punch overseers (8 gallons worth). Thanks too, to the folks who took stuff home for storage for the next event. Sign maker, Tina..etc.etc.

As your Social Director, I look forward to hearing of your ideas and suggestions for future social activities although, the training schedule looks like we won't have a lot of free time!! I'll be happy to support your SCOW related Social Activity. Please send me a note at Social@Scow.org.

Dot Almassy



Mike Repass and Diane Potts
SCOW – 2006 Re-Up Brunch

SCOW Bay Activities

Tax Day Cruise-April 15-16

Now that the task has been completed, let's celebrate! Spring offers some of the best sailing on the Bay, with good winds and crisp, clear air. Temperatures are starting to warm and, although evenings are cool, nothing beats the warmth of a cozy cabin while a pot of stew warms in the galley!

As I write this, *Odyssey* still rests beneath her winter cover; but the next few weekends will bring commissioning, and she should be able to serve as anchor boat. I will act as raftmaster, and select a location once I hear from Bay skippers. Please reply to bay@scow.org with boat information and home port, as well as if you would be able to take on crew. Members interested in participating as crew, provide a brief description of your experience and contact information.

Bay Activities Schedule

April 15-16: Tax Day Cruise

May 27-29: Memorial Day Cruise (Tom Beachem, raftmaster)

June 24-25: Progressive Dinner Cruise (Rhode River?)

July 22-23: Music Cruise (Galesville?)

August 19-20: Land/Sea/Crab Feast-St Michael's (members can drive in for the party!)

September 2-4: Labor Day Cruise (Choptank River, Little Choptank)

September 9-10: Smith Island Trip & Crab Feast (Land/Sea)-Ferry trip to island, B&B accommodations, or sail over for the fun. (Dot Almassey, organizer)

October?: Fowl Weather Cruise (Alan Lewis, raftmaster)

November 10-11: Veteran's Day Cruise (TBD)

Grenadines Reunion Cruise: date to be determined (Dunn Cove)

To know the laws that govern the winds, and to know that you know them, will give you an easy mind on your voyage around the world; otherwise you may tremble at the appearance of every cloud.

Joshua Slocum, US sailor and first man to sail around the world single handed in 1898.



SCOW
Odyssey - Bay Director

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On the second Monday of each month (except December) at the American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron Street (around the corner from Gadsby's Tavern), Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Socializing starts at 6:30 p.m. downstairs, and our meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. upstairs

For Information about Club Activities

Visit <http://www.scow.org> or email info@scow.org