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## ChaNNels -- The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington

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**April Speaker:** Tim Reich of Marine Services in Woodbridge will speak about outboard engines and their maintenance at the April 12 meeting.

### Commodore's Log

#### Thom Unger

Never let it be said that winter slows down SCOW sailors. Six intrepid SCOW sailors, in search of Washington's Home, sailed down to Mt. Vernon on Saturday, March 13. Luck was with them, the snow waited till Sunday. While cool, a light breeze got them there in one piece. A good time was held by Moi, Ruth Connolly, Patricia Wagner, Jeff Teitel, Tom Beachem, & Joe Depoorter, as well as by Stuart & Barbara Ullman, and Joan Olmstead who joined the adventurers for lunch at Washington's Inn. So while many may think sailing a warm weather sport, if dressed correctly, I would recommend winter sailing for all.

As well, many SCOW sailors, in search of good food and good friends, braved the snow to attend the annual ReUp Brunch at the Colonies on Sunday, March 14. It was a good turnout, especially considering the weather outside, as SCOW members proved once again that weather is merely a problem if you wish it to be. Many, many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made this happen (in no particular order), Monica Maynard, Shelby Shoop, Sandy Clover, Dick Dyer, B.J. McMillian, Amy Platt, Denise Derry, and many others. As always, SCOW stands not just for Sailing Club of Washington, but Social Club of Washington as well! Speaking of which, if you haven't been to one of the SCOW social events, I encourage you to check them out. Much fun can be had talking with old and new friends, not to mention good food! This next month will find us having a picnic down at the Marina, following the annual Spring Maintenance Day. Even if you can't make the Maintenance part, feel free to come on d! own. All are welcome.

Fair (if albeit cool...) Winds To All.

### Training

#### Jason Stevens

Spring is just a few short weeks away and with it comes another SCOW Training season! Things get started in April with Train the Trainers Day, the Racing Seminar and the first Basic Sailing class. If you are interested in attending any training event, or if you just have a question, please contact me (see back page). The full schedule of classes is also available on the SCOW web site (see back page).

Is there a class you would like to see SCOW offer? Do you have a special sailing-related skill you are willing to share with others? We are always looking to improve our class offerings, so drop me line with any ideas you might have.

Coming soon to a marina near you:

**Train the Trainers April 17 (Saturday) 1-4pm at WSM**

Whether you are a veteran SCOW instructor or an interested newbie, this is the place to meet other instructors and go over SCOW's training techniques and materials. Please contact me (see above) if you plan on attending or have any questions.

**Racing Seminar April 26 (Monday) 7-10pm at the WSM Chart Room**

Learn the basic rules and techniques needed to win (almost) every time! This class is geared towards skippers and crew who have never sailed or want to brush up on the basics. Space is limited so sign up now.

**Basic Sailing I Starts April 28 (Wednesday) 8-10:30pm at the WSM Afterdeck Cafe**

The first class is filling up fast! If you've never stepped off land before or if you want to make the step from crew to skipper, this is the class for you. You'll learn how to sail the club's Flying Scot's in addition to the important safety and navigation skills needed to start out.

See the calendar in this issue for future training events.

## **Boatique**

### **Heather Callahan**

Hello, sailors! The Boatique is up and running again! The stock is a bit limited, and much of the inventory was sold at the Re-Up Brunch. However, there are still some great items for sale:

Multicolored t-shirts, especially M and L: \$13 Sun visors, blue with white SCOW logo and white with blue SCOW logo: \$6 Blue snap-up windbreakers with white SCOW logo: \$28 Red pull-over windbreaker with navy SCOW logo: \$26 Blue aprons with white SCOW logo: \$9

plus, SCOW burgees in 4 sizes!

Product suggestions/orders?? Email Heather Callahan at [calli@clark.net](mailto:calli@clark.net) or call at 703/920-0923

Social Activities Bill Clark, Jr.

While sitting in a lecture room in Philadelphia, I daydreamed of tasty food being shared by hungry sailors at the Re-up Brunch. When I told my classmates what I was missing they asked

me how I thought it was going. I knew it was going great because of all of the members who had volunteered to make it a success.

I especially want to thank all of the board members for their suggestions and knowledge of past events. Dick Dyer deserves high praise for his organization of the bar and other duties that he took on with enthusiasm. The following members were also instrumental in the success of the brunch: Denise Derry, Amy Plett, B.J. McMillan and Beverly Ashcraft. I also want to thank all of you who assisted with set-up, cooking, greeting and clean-up. And thanks to Sal Lauricella for reserving the Clubhouse for us.

Our next event will be the Maintenance Day Picnic on April 24. I will don the official SCOW apron and chef's hat and rustle up hearty vittles. Once again I am seeking volunteers to assist me with preparing the tables and the food. I'm also looking volunteers to bring hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, condiments and some vegetarian main dishes to share. Please let me know how you would like to assist or what you'd like to bring by April 11th. See the back page for contact info.

## **Maintenance**

### **Tom LeBrun**

Sailing season is upon us, and with the promise of spring sailors' minds turn to thoughts of ... Maintenance Day! Each year we get together in the spring to prepare the boats for the coming sailing season and this year our appointed rounds are set for April 24th.

Keeping the boats fun and safe to sail is obviously very important, and many hands make light work for this. Fortunately, turnout is frequently strong, and everyone has a great time too, making the event as much fun as work.

Aside from the important function of keeping the boats in shape, Maintenance Day is also a great opportunity for new members to meet new sailing friends and gain more familiarity with the boats. The opportunity to go over all of the equipment on a boat at your leisure helps to leave you free to concentrate on more important things out on the water.

So come out dressed to work, and ready for some food and drink and entertainment later (I'm guessing somebody will get thrown in the river).

Thanks in advance to all of you for your work. These are our boats -- let's get 'em ready for summer.

See you there!

### **We Welcome Our Newest Members:**

Betsy Barrett, Thomas Beachem, Judy Downey, Mark Ganter, Matt Grabowski, Robert Kovach, Bruce McWilliams, Sharon Nichols, Paul Ross, Stephanie Trinh, Sue Wolfe, Heidi Zimmerman

## **From the Secretary**

Don't be left out!

Pay your dues by April 12th!

Left out of the 1999 SCOW Member Directory that is.

The April membership meeting, April 12th, is the deadline for renewals in order to be included in the May publication of the directory. If you've been waiting for a reminder (or a deadline) to pay your membership dues, now you've got one! Or if the snowstorm kept you away from the Re-up Brunch, bring your checkbook, renewal form, and questionnaire to the April meeting. Help Commodore Unger meet his goal of 400 members by the millenium.

## **London Boat Show**

### **Mike Jenner**

Elaine Emling and Mike Jenner represented SCOW at the 1999 "Big Blue" London Boat Show in January. This was the 45th show to be mounted, as only the Brits can do it, a good 50 miles from the nearest sea! Water was imported for the occassion and London's premier exhibition space at Earls Court acquired a respectably sized marina.

The blurb summarised it thus: "more than 1,000 boats ranging in price from \$400 to more than \$1.6 million and worth in total around \$130 million, all the latest equipment and clothing in the world's largest chandlery store..."

Elaine and Mike sized up purchase possibilities in medium-sized (and appropriately priced!) daysailers. We ran into a supersaleswoman, Margaret Dye, who turned out to have spent much of her life doing just exactly what we had in mind, exploring the highways and byways of Britain's narrow and winding rivers in a 14 foot "sailing dinghy", designed to her specifications and called "Wanderer".

On our way out we passed by at the front of the show the yacht "Blackadder", advertising the London Times Clipper 2000 Round the World Yacht Race. Eight such yachts will leave England in October 1999 for this Millenium event. You can go all the way round for a bit under \$40,000 or you can do one leg for \$10,000. We met some people who'd done it two years ago. It was harder physical work than they'd ever done - but, as one lady put it: "When you're out on this large expanse of water [i.e. the Pacific], there's nothing you can do about events and problems in the rest of the world. You just do your sailing assignment of the moment. It's very relaxing, in a way."

Sign on at [www.clipper-ventures.com!!](http://www.clipper-ventures.com!!)

**On the Road Again, Just Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again.**

**David Snellen** snellen@gypsyrover.com

Always did like that song by Willie Nelson. Just wanted to update you on the life and times of Dave Snellen. The charter business in Palm Beach has been slow, but encouraging. This area is blanketed by transient elderly folks who love to gamble, occasionally fish, but rarely sail. The marina I need to be in was close to me and I was forced into a less than desirable location that has little walk-by traffic. And random sails is not what I had in mind. So, I have returned to the high-tech field for a while and will do weekend day sailing. Being in a marina co-located with a Marriott, a Doubletree and a high rise condo can't be all bad either. Did I hear someone mention potential happy hour or wine and cheese sunset cruises???? We'll have to see.

My new job is located in South Miami. I chose to look for a job in Florida because I absolutely love the warm weather here and except for the two nights it dipped into the low 40's/high 30's and the three days it was a freezing low-mid 60's, it has been a very pleasant winter. I have already moved the boat to Biscayne Bay Yacht Center in downtown Miami. This marina is a mere ten minutes from South Beach, four blocks from where the Miami Heat will play and very close to where the Florida Panthers play. Living on my boat in downtown Miami, where the sailing season is 365 days long, Bimini is a mere 46.5 nm to ENE and the rest of the Bahamas slightly further, can't be all bad.

In my travels around S. Florida, I have come across several of my sisterships. The "Yankee" is located in Key Largo, the "Wolf" and "Island Rover" are in Key West. (I'll always have (fond??) memories of the Island Rover. That's the schooner that got me thinking about buying a schooner so long ago. She was for sale back in 1995 and she sold before I could get my act together. I then started to look around and that's the rest of the story.....). The "Eagle" and "Heritage of Miami II" are both in Miami. The Yankee, Wolf, Island Rover and Heritage are all 65' length on-deck (LOD) and 75' length overall (LOA). The "Eagle" is 54' LOD and 65' LOL which is the same size as the "Bonnie Rover" in Norfolk and "Patricia Devine" in Annapolis. For reference, I am the smallest at 44' LOD and 54' LOL. I also stumbled upon another "Rover" style boat that is build of aluminium and identical in size to me . She is in North Palm Beach. It is also the only known Rover style boat along with the "Bonnie Rover", which is made of concrete, not in commerical service.

For all my friends in WDC, this is not goodbye, but see you later. If anyone needs a place to hang out, warm up, chill out or hide away from divorce lawyers, you always have a place in Miami. If anyone is planning a trip this way, be sure to look me up. My email will remain snellen@gypsyrover.com. My current phone number, 561-714-0265, may change. When it does, I'll be sure to update you with the new number. I'll also send my new address as soon as possible.

Wishing everyone a great summer of 1999 and don't let the Y2K bug bite you.

### **Report on Examination of Treasurer's Records**

Article VII, Section 7 of SCOW's Bylaws requires an annual audit and a written report of the Club accounts. In accordance with this requirement, an audit committee was asked to examine the Treasurer's records for 1998. In general this review consisted of an examination of all records

for any irregularities or unexplained transactions. Bank statements were also reviewed to ensure reconciliation with journal entries and checkbooks. Files and records were reviewed to ensure all submitted bills and obligations have been paid, and that records that might be required for a tax audit are available.

The club's checking account for regular operations is held in the Crestar Bank. In general, checking account records for 1998 all appear completely justified. Receipts are available for all major expenditures, and there are no unusual or irregular disbursements. It was not possible to verify that deposits represent all income received, but the files include detailed deposit slips. Furthermore the amounts deposited are totally consistent with independent estimates of expected values. The closing balance is \$5,944.66. This value was reconciled with the bank statement of 12/31/98.

The club also maintains a Business Money Market account with Crestar Bank. There was no activity in this account in 1998 except the monthly deposit of interest earned. The closing balance on 12/31/98 was \$4,572.49.

In addition the club maintains a third account where assets of the Boat Assets Committee are kept. This account is Government Money Market account with Mosaic Funds. There was only a single withdrawal from this account in 1998, and the only other activity was monthly deposits of interest earned. The closing balance on 12/31/98 was \$11,211.47. A check for \$1,701 was transferred from SCOW checking account at year's end but had not been deposited in time to show on the account statement of 12/31/98.

Files include evidence that the TWO-YEAR REPORT FOR NON-PROFIT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS required by the District of Columbia was filed properly, and all fees paid. No unpaid invoices or obligations were noted.

In conclusion, this review of the club's accounts has determined that all financial transactions and all other treasurer's activities in 1998 were proper and justified, with no irregularities noted. Journals are clear and accurate, and are reconciled with bank statements. Records are complete and support all transactions.

Richard W. Dyer

## **Bay Activities**

### **Jack Schwartz**

Our first SCOW Bay activity this year will be the Early Bird Cruise to the Little Choptank River on April 17-18! Ted Schad has agreed to be raftmaster and I will be along as part of the crew. (I don't know if my furry little friend will be along as yet.) The plan is to raft up in Hudson Creek Saturday afternoon. (see your chart) The easiest anchorage is just inside Casson Point. (38°32.5'N, 76°14.7W) Leave Choptank Green #7 to port, continue another quarter mile before heading north, leaving Hudson Creek Green #1 to port, then round back to a westerly heading (don't cut too sharply as there is shoaling past the marker) and anchor somewhere south of Red

#2. Look for a Morgan 38 flying the SCOW burgee. If it is blowing out of the Northeast, Dulcinea may find another spot further up the creek. We will plan to monitor Channel 16 on the quarter hour beginning sometime early in the afternoon.

Interested skippers, please call to let me know if you are considering participating. Interested crew, give me a call and I'll add your name to the Crew List. (No promises, but if anyone needs crew, I will give them the names I have.) I will also try to have a Crew Sign-up Sheet at the Reup Brunch and the April meeting.

## **Lighthouse License Plates for Virginia**

### **Candace Clifford**

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society has been working toward obtaining special lighthouse license plates for Virginia drivers. The special plates will cost an additional \$10 above your annual registration fee. A bill now awaits the Governor's signature and will become effective this July.

If things go well and we collect all 350 applications quickly, you could be driving around with your new Virginia lighthouse license plates by the end of the year!

If you wish to be part of the first 350 to receive applications, send your name, address, phone, email, and number of cars to:

Chesapeake Chapter, USLHS P.O. Box 1270 Annandale, VA 22003

or go to their web site at:

<http://www.cheslights.org/licenseplate.htm>

**Racing Crew Wanted:** For tuesday night racing on the river, some down river and bay weekend races. Call Bill Davenport at 301.495.9399

### **Calendar:**

April 1 Thursday Night Social No-Sail, 7PM, Cafe Marianna 1201 N. Royal St. Alex, VA, 4 Daylight Savings Begins - 2 AM 5 Board Meeting, Open to all. 7:30-9:30, Potowmack Landing Chart Room 8 Thursday Night Social No-Sail, 7PM, Cafe Marianna 1201 N. Royal St. Alex, VA, 12 Membership Meeting American Legion Hall, Alexandria, Social Hour - 6:30, Program & Meeting - 7:30 15 Thursday Night Social No-Sail, 7PM, Cafe Marianna 1201 N. Royal St. Alex, VA, 17 Train The Trainers, Washington Sailing Marina, 1 - 5 PM 17-18 Early Bird Cruise to the Little Choptank River 22 Thursday Night Social Sail Begins!!!, Washington Sailing Marina, 6:30 PM - dark 24 Maintenance Day, Washington Sailing Marina, 9 AM Maintenance Day Picnic, Washington Sailing Marina, 3 PM 26 Racing Seminar, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7 PM - 10 PM 27 Tuesday Night Flying Scot Races Begin!!!, 6PM- dark, WSM 28 Basic Sailing Class

Series I , Land Class, 8-10:30, Potowmack Landing, After Deck 29 Thursday Night Social Sail, Washington Sailing Marina, 6 PM - dark

May 1 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 2 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 3 Board Meeting, Open to all. 7:30-9:30, Potowmack Landing, Chart Room 4 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, WSM 5 Basic Sailing Class, Series I Land Class, 7:30-10, Potowmack Landing, Chart Rm 6 Thursday Night Social Sail, Washington Sailing Marina, 6:30 PM - dark 8 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 Bay Day Sail 9 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 10 Membership Meeting American Legion Hall, Alexandria, Social Hour - 6:30, Program & Meeting - 7:30 11 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, WSM 12 Basic Sailing Class Series I Land Class, 7:30-10, Potowmack Landing, Chart Rm 13 Thursday Night Social Sail, Washington Sailing Marina, 6:30 PM - dark 15-16 1st River Raft-up 15 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 16 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, WSM, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00 18 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, WSM 19 Basic Sailing Class Series I , Land Class, 8-10:30, Potowmack Landing, After Deck 20 Thursday Night Social Sail, Washington Sailing Marina, 6:30 PM - dark 22 Basic Sailing Series I, Make-up Water Session, if needed 23 Skipper Check-out Day, Washington Sailing Marina, 10 AM Check-out Day Picnic, Washington Sailing Marina, 1 PM - 4 PM 25 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, WSM 27 Thursday Night Social Sail, Washington Sailing Marina, 6:30 PM - dark 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise to Mike Geisinger's Cottage, lower Potomac 29-30 PRSA Spring Regatta, Washington Sailing Marina

Submit articles to [channels@scow.org](mailto:channels@scow.org) by one week after the monthly meeting.

Use any means, but email is preferred. Please! Just type or paste your articles into the body of an email message. We will format it for you. No Multiple tabs, No indents, No attachments, NO Kidding. Pony express, mail, etc are acceptable, but get it here (not just in the box) by deadline - ed.

Membership Meetings 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

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