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

Commodore's Log

By Jan Earle, SCOW 2006 Commodore

Our boats are the major assets of the Sailing Club of Washington (SCOW) and the ownership of boats by the club is the principal reason that SCOW was incorporated. I've dug up bits and pieces of the history of SCOW's boats and thought I would share a few of them with you. Thanks to Virginia Ivin, Hope Andruss, and Joe DePoorter for sharing their memories with me and my apologies to those who might recall a different version of events. Remember that the mists of time tend to blur factual exactness for everyone!

An informal group of people who loved to sail, calling themselves the "3-Mile Limit Sailing Club," used to meet in the early and middle 1960's at the *Pit Stop* in Georgetown (a local "watering hole"), later at the old Capitol Yacht Club (on the Washington Channel waterfront) and the Corinthian Yacht Club (now the site of the U.S. Coast Guard headquarters) in southwest DC on the Anacostia, and subsequently at the Potomac Boat Club at 3530 Water Street NW in DC for about 12 years.

Prior to incorporating the club as the "Sailing Club of Washington" in DC, the group rented boats at Buzzard's Point Marina on the Anacostia in southwest DC. After incorporating in 1966, the club became affiliated with the Washington Sailing Marina, where our boats are currently moored.

By 1975, the club owned four boats: a 21-ft. Clipper Marine named *Scow-la-wag*, an Albacore (name unknown), and two Rhodes Bantams. One of the Bantams was originally named *Jolly Folly*, but as a result of wear and tear on the original boat signage, the boat eventually became known as *olly olly*.

About 1979, the club had two 24-ft. Sailmasters, *Caprice* (sold in 1994) and *Zephyr* (cannibalized to maintain *Caprice*), and three Flying Scots, *Anoushka* (sold in 1993), *Wee Dougal* (sold in 1993 to SCOW member Joe DePoorter, who had her restored and still owns her), and *Danschweida* (made in 1975 and still owned by the club).



SCOW - 40th Anniversary Picnic

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2006 Commodore**

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SCOW currently owns five boats: three 19-ft. Flying Scots including *Danschweida* (mentioned above), *Ms. Ellie* (made in 1974 and acquired in 1993) and *Susie Q* (made in 1989 and acquired in 1993), and two cruisers – *Psycho*, a 1971 Yankee Dolphin (24 ft.) purchased in 1987, and *Rebecca*, a 1980 Catalina (25 ft.) bought in 1995.

It is entirely possible that some of these facts are in error and I invite long-time members to contact me with corrections for the SCOW history. Mostly, I just want SCOW members to value the time, the thought, and the treasury that former SCOW members contributed to select such sturdy and usable craft for our continued enjoyment. May we continue in this tradition and offer our own time, consideration, and skills to perpetuate the well-being – and enjoyment! – of SCOW boats.

What bliss to be in the cockpit with the sun and the warm breeze on one's skin, just watching these, and the sky, and the sails.

*Sir Francis Chichester,
Yachtsman*



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Special Olympics

-Thank You!!!

Monika O'Connor

***"Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt."
- Special Olympics Athlete Oath***

Each June, SCOW members and friends gather on Monday nights at the Washington Sailing Marina for Special Olympics sailing.

This year was no exception; at least for the early part of the month. Both sailors and athletes were disappointed that Mother Nature's rainy disposition cancelled the final two weeks of sailing but the first two weeks provided two excellent evenings of training and racing on Flying Scots (SCOW, Washington Sailing Marina and privately owned).

Ben Ackerman and his wife, Jean, assembled an impressive number of eager athletes and SCOW members contributed their time, enthusiasm and mentoring skills to those who were excited to get time on the tiller, learn about the "joy of heeling" or just the thrill of the race!



Special Olympics Hellas (Greece) competitors take a practice run preparing for sailing competition at the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. [Photo by Gerry McGuinness, IRELAND OUT]

SCOW continues to be part of the successful training ground for these athletes. The June Monday evening sails supported by SCOW are the second of a three month training program leading up to the annual Special Olympics Sailing Regatta held at St. Mary's College, MD on July 29 - 30, 2006. Over 50 athletes will be participating in this year's regatta.



Very special thanks to the following SCOW members who were skippers and crew as well as new friends to the Special Olympians:

*Jessica Arnett
Mary Bashore
Dan Bender
Marc Cappelletti
Joseph Cianfrani
Julia Clones
Jan Earle
Thomas Flesher
Ramona Hupp*

*Bill Johnson
Dave McKeeby
Chris Munson
Tina Perez
Ria Ple
Mike Repass
Herb Ries
Dorothy Stocks
Valerie Tran*

For more information about Special Olympics Sailing:

http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Compete/Sports_Offered/Sailing.htm

SCOW

2006 River Activities



Psycho sets sail on the 40th!
River Director, Dorothy Stocks at the Helm

MOONLIGHT SAIL

Classical Sonata Serenade
Friday, September 8

FT. WASHINGTON

Moonlight Sail
Friday, October 6

GUNSTON COVE CAMPOUT

Drive or Float to Park
October 14-15

HOT TODDY SAIL

Friday, October 27

PARADE OF LIGHTS

Saturday, December 2

SUMMERTIME SAIL

Let's Just Sail!
Friday, July 28

FULL MOON

Full Moon Cruising
Wednesday, August 9

JAZZ JUBILEE

Smoot's Cove Raft-up
Friday, August 25



Rebecca Sets Sail
Ulrich Lueking and Henry Cheng

SCOW Social Calendar for 2006

Dot Almassy, Social Director

Many thanks to all who supported the 40th Anniversary Sailebration. A fun event and if you missed it...you missed a good one! Check out the pictures on the website. It was a wonderful day to rekindle sailing flames. We particularly want to thank the National Maritime Heritage Foundation for providing the *American Spirit* for a delightful sunset cruise. Also, thanks to Rob Langford for cooking and providing hamburgers and hotdogs at lunch. Also, thank you to all the skippers, Mary K. for manning the sign in table, Sheila C. for schlepping the drinks and ice, Faith Rodell for providing the comfortable table and chairs, Famous Dave's for the catering, Jan, our Commodore, for filling in all the loopholes, and YOU for being there and helping!!!

Social Sails on Thursdays

Social Sails continue to be very popular; although co-chefs are dwindling. Please consider being a co-chef at one of these fun events. Information is on the SCOW website or contact social@scow.org. Your co-chef needs YOU!!!

Smith Island Trip on 16-17 September

A most popular trip last year...and lots of folks want to go back for a repeat!

This back-in-time trip includes optional choices of B&B overnight, a crab feast with famous Smith Island 5 Layer Cakes and all the fixings, a sunset cruise to look for eagles and visit Tylerton a town disconnected from Smith Island. You can drive a golf cart around the town or ride bikes and kayaks. Please check last month's Channels for more particulars. We'll carpool as much as possible and have a wonderful time. The ferry leaves Point Lookout State Park promptly at 10:15 am on the 16th.

Please advise the Social Director, Dot, if you are coming by personal boat or on the ferry. There are six slips available at Smith Island. There are many packages to choose from.

Save the Date – 18 November 2006 – Hail and Farewell

Saturday, November 18 is the date for the Hail and Farewell at City Tavern. More information will be provided soon.

Next Membership Meeting: Monday, August 14th, 2006

The next SCOW membership meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th. The meeting will be held at the American Legion, 400 Cameron Street, in Old Town Alexandria (around the corner from Gadsby's Tavern). Socializing downstairs begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm.

Future Membership Meeting: Monday, October 9th, 2006

LCMDR Rick Gay of the US Coast Guard presents a unique perspective on Nautical Navigation.



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**I must down to the sea again,
to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship
and a star to steer her by
(Sea-Fever)**

***John Masefield,
Poet Laureate***



**SCOW Maintenance Director
Wayne Williams**

Maintenance Update

Wayne Williams, Maintenance Director

Summer Maintenance Day was a definite success! Storm clouds blew away and sunshine prevailed with good winds for sailing after the event! After more than three hours of hard work, the 19 volunteers shared pizzas supplied by Maintenance Director Wayne Williams.

There was plenty to do on the Flying Scots. *Ms Ellie's* boom vang was replaced. Flying Scot Bosun Mike Rothenberg replaced the chrome keel nose-strip on *Danschweida* after filling stripped screw holes with epoxy. All three jib sails were surveyed and new telltales added so that each sail now has a low, medium and high set of telltales on both sides of the sail. All Scots were washed and the foredecks waxed.

The Flying Scot trailers were inspected and broken tail lights were taped over to keep water out of the bulbs and wiring. New trailer lights were purchased for the one licensed trailer (under *Susie Q*) and Maintenance decided to keep all trailer lights stored in the maintenance locker until needed because of frequent breakage by careless handling of other clubs' trailers. Trailer tire pressure was checked and the wheel bearings greased. Work that is still needed includes loosening and lubricating wheel lugs to prevent rust on the bolts.

On *Rebecca*, more work was completed on the main sail mast-gate installation but some slugs still need to be sewn on with webbing. Smaller (used) lines for the downhaul (cunningham) and the mainsheet were installed by Bill Davenport the previous week to test for improved cleating and free-running of these lines. New lines for all of *Rebecca's* running rigging have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. Work that is still needed includes the relocation of *Rebecca's* downhaul (cunningham) cleat.

Psycho received a new radio and volunteers installed and tested it. The wiring for her depth finder was checked and the sensing unit was resealed; it appears to be working correctly now. *Psycho's* swing keel was checked for proper operation.

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**THE
LEUKEMIA
CUP
REGATTA**



*The Leukemia &
Lymphoma Society*

Admiral Sponsor:



DC Area sailors are invited
to spend a day on the Potomac River
and set sail against blood cancers
at the
**13th Annual
Leukemia Cup Regatta**

September 9th, 2006

Washington Sailing Marina

Post-Race Celebration with dinner, live music,
silent auction and awards to follow.

Spectator Boat passes also available.

*For more information or to register, please contact:
Lauren Hospital at 703-960-1100 ext. 249,
hospital@lls.org
or visit www.leukemicup.org/nca*



RAFFLE DRAWING!

Wednesday September 6,

2006

4-7pm

Alexandria West Marine Store

-Grand Prize: LASER PRO & trailer

-First Prize: Inflatable Rollup Boat by
Zodiac

\$20 per Ticket

To purchase tickets in advance, con-
tact:

Georgetown University Sailing
and The National Maritime Heri-
tage Foundation present the...

2nd Annual Junior Regatta

September 24th, 2006

Fort Washington Marina

All proceeds benefit



SCOW Bay Activities

Jack Schwartz, Bay Director

Progressive Dinner Raft-up

The weather forecast was dismal (80% chance of thunderstorms), but it had been that way for days, and rain had not come, so *Odyssey's* intrepid crew gathered to see what we would find. Leaving the dock under cloudy skies, we managed to stay dry and found 10-15 knots out of the south, which made for a fun beat out of the Rhode River, and a couple nice reaches across the Bay and back. We started to see patches of blue sky and by the time we returned to Holiday Hill Marina the sun was out. Because of the threat of severe weather, the raft-up had been moved to the marina.

After dock lines were cleated, we went about the business of relaxing, consuming of beverages and appetizers, and music making. During the afternoon, we were joined by the crews of *Phantom Phlyer* and *Sangria*, as well as the Vice Commodore; and we all enjoyed some great food (lasagna, Italian sausages, chicken, artichokes, fruit salads, and more) aboard *Odyssey*. By evening the rains forced us all to huddle beneath the bimini, and we eventually retreated below for dessert (brownies, apple and peach pies). The remainder of the evening was spent in conversation and making music.

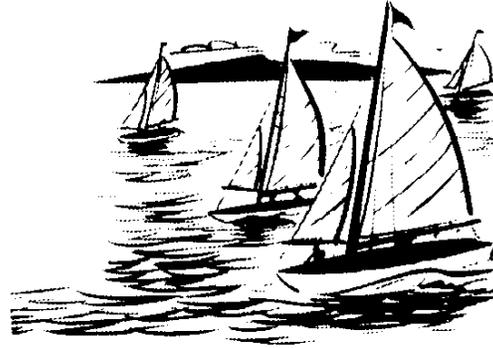
We were lulled to sleep by the rain, punctuated by some impressive pyrotechnics. Morning brought more continuous rain, and we managed to close up the boat and get our gear back to the cars without getting too wet. Henry headed off to Delaware to check out a Sabre 28 he wants to purchase. All in all, we managed to make the best of what nature dealt us that weekend.

Upcoming Bay Events

St Michael's Crab Feast

August 19th will be another land/sea event. Folks will sail over from the western shore on Bay skippers' boats, but lack of a berth should not deter other members from joining in the fun. There is the Maritime Museum to explore, as well as the shops and quaint streets of St. Michael's. We will gather at the Crab Claw for dinner on the deck (pay as you go) around 6pm, if the water taxi cooperates.

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

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 16-17: Smith Island Trip & Crab Feast (Land/Sea)-Ferry trip to island, B&B accommodations, or sail over for the fun. (Dot Almassy, organizer)

October 21-22: Fowl Weather Cruise (Alan Lewis, raft master)

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

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SCOW Cruiser Bosuns
David Williams, Tom Paquin, Lew Miller

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Raffle Winner

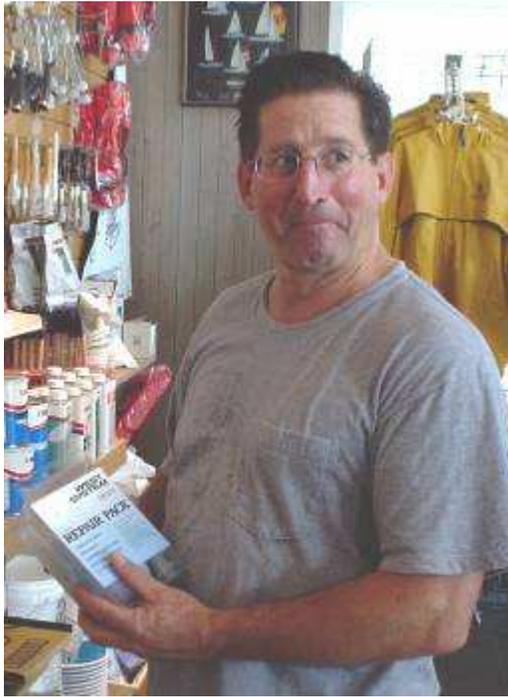
The winner of the raffle for SCOW's used propane barbeque grill is Bonnie Heflin. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the \$69 raised by the raffle.

Corrections/Additions to July Commodore's Log:

SCOW's training program was designed and the materials drafted in 1978-1979 by Ellie Abramson, Virginia Ivin, Ken Larson, and John Fackelman. Former Commodore D. Jane Klemer originated the club newsletter and was its editor for many years.

SCOW Welcomes Its New Members

- Wendy Adams*
- Zoran Avramovic*
- Eric Bastings*
- Matthew Benz*
- Katherine Caldwell*
- Mark J. Calisti*
- Kelly Carmichael*
- Jennifer S. Casden*
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- Carliane Johnson*
- Ulrich Lueking*
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- Tom Paquin*
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- Richard Turner*
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- Peggy Weidner*
- James Westhead*
- David W. Williams*
- Shawn Wilson*



**More Epoxy?
Scot Bosun Mike Rothenberg**

Maintenance Update
(Continued)

The wheels on the SCOW Dhow were inspected and lubricated. One of the caster wheels was found to have a bent axle and needs to be repaired. In addition, the Dhow serving surface needs to be well-scrubbed and new coats of paint and varnish applied. A new electric drill and a set of bits is now stored in the Maintenance Locker and a leather and metal “palm thimble” has been added to the sewing kit.



**Boom Vang Repair
Mike Murphy and David Reed**

**SCOW Thanks the Summer
Maintenance Volunteers**

- Barry Creech*
- Jan Earle*
- Gene Jacob*
- Doug Kelch*
- Duane Lambert*
- Ulrich Leuking*
- Mike Magyarics*
- Jim Metcalf*
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**SCOW Bosuns Large & Small!
Ron and Lauren**

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