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Commodore's Log

Action abounds this August. A 21-gun salute goes off to the pending nuptials of SCOW members Elaine Emling and Mike Jenner set for August 9. We wish them the best of everything. On August 19, Betsy Troeder sets off for Edinburgh, Scotland, for a two-year master's program in landscape architecture. SCOW bids a fond farewell and a "come back soon" to Betsy who served as secretary in 1993 and commodore in 1994. We send our thanks for her fine service and all her contributions through the years and heartfelt wishes for much success and good luck in her exciting new endeavor. Other people have also left the area who have left their marks on SCOW. Cathy Cook, former secretary (2 years running), Boatique manager and social director too, is now managing a Boat US store in Atlanta. She kept exacting minutes, developed new retail ideas for SCOW and coordinated many fun SCOW events. We miss her smile and her efforts. Thank you Cathy, for all you have done. Come back and visit.

It is inevitable that people come and go. Opportunities beckon and dreams lead us elsewhere. Please know that if you do go, you'll always be welcomed back and we'd like to know what your plans are and how you're doing.

While it may seem as if we have a brain drain, SCOW is invigorated by many energetic and creative new members. See insert for directory info. About 60 new members have joined. Please see Secretary Victoria Hampton to be a buddy and to welcome them properly, fun for you and them.

We're also lucky in that in our continuing membership, many ideas surface and wisdom and experience borne of years in SCOW reside in this precious resource. There's business at hand to think about while you're out in a Scot on the Potomac or on the Bay this month, namely, what role would you like to play in SCOW next year?

Yup, it's that time to start thinking about November elections. Look around you at our social sails, August scavenger hunt and crab feast, and other events, who would you like to serve with you on the Board next year? Most importantly, your ideas and ability are sought. What office would you like to stand for? SCOW needs and wants you.

SCOW is continually enriched by its members' efforts. Thank you, Catherine Sacra, for a wild and wet canoe outing that cooled off a hot July. Catherine has coordinated this event several times and it is a SCOW favorite. Our very own Larry Gemoets is doing double duty -- he's director of Bay Activities and Channels editor. Thank you Larry, for all your contributions, and for having such a fine editorial team. Many thanks go to Barbara Brecher, layout and design, Cindy Peters, composition and publisher's coordinator, Sam Schaen, mailing list. Barbara's design is lively and handsome. Cindy has been involved with the newsletter in one capacity or another for at least 6 years, she used to be the editor too. Sam has been our invaluable database coordinator for quite a few years and his work is deeply appreciated. Another important editorial team member is none other than Declan Conroy, our web publisher. Declan was our former commodore (1996) and a priceless "maintenance puke" -- said with deep respect..... Another priceless treasure, while I'm on the subject, is Joe Depoorter, a whiz at wiring, maintenance and training.

And speaking of training, classes this year have been very well received, thanks to tireless Mike Geissing. The training directorship is a pressure-filled and sensitive job and Mike performs it very effectively, and with grace and integrity.

The fun continues this August and into September. River activities director Lee Spain continually pulls off enjoyable Thursday social sails as well as riveting racing nights. Social sail is a crucial link for the club and it's a weekly responsibility Lee discharges with charm. Thanks Lee, for maintaining this hectic pace of week night events. Lee has another big job - - our Also-Ran Regatta. Please volunteer your time and effort. More details to follow.

Enjoy your sun-filled sails, SCOW, and watch the sunburn. Only the crabs (the crawling kind) should be red this August! --Anne La Lena

A Special Thank-you....

(Jill Harvey).....to all of the SCOW members who contributed to the articles commemorating my Dad. Especially to Dick Dyer who helped me make heads or tails of the the many boxes of Dad's sailing stuff and to Tom Durmick & Melissa Ennis for their big shoulders and timely publication of Channels. SCOW turn out for Dad's memorial services was impressive. One of Dad's last requests was to "throw SCOW a big party." I think he would have been pleased. Thanks for remembering him so fondly.

New Members

SCOW welcomes the following new members:George Blundall, Bill Clark, Jr, Marjorie Good, Karin Hillhouse, Amy Jasinski, Barbara Lewin, Nancy Lou Little, Joanne Loercher, Theresa Loges, Deo Pachas, Mary Pachas, Carol Sniegowski, Vicky Stallsworth, Kevin Teitel, Margaret Lee Tiebout, Angela Von Pieschel, Arthur Von Pieschel, Ross Warren.

River Activities

A couple of racing events occur at Washington Sailing Marina in the fall: the Leukemia Cup/PRSA President's Cup on September 6th and 7th and our own Also Ran Regatta on September 20th.

The Leukemia Cup attracts boats of many classes and features big and small boat racing on the river. On Saturday, both cruising boats and the club Flying Scots are expected to enter, race, and raise funds for a very good cause--the Leukemia Society of America. We would like to provide two SCOW members to help with race committee duty each day. Committee duty is fun because you get to cruise around in Boston Whaler powerboats. We want to offer maximum support to the Leukemia Cup!

The SCOW Also Ran Regatta is traditionally a Flying Scot event where club and private boats take to the race course off of Hains Point and duke it out for bragging rights. Since SCOW sponsors the event, it really is what we are able to make it. I've asked for lots of volunteers to help with race committee duty, registration, and the post-race picnic. This open river is a great place to race and it will be lots of fun for all participants. The skipper must not have won a trophy in a regatta during the 1997 sailing season. However, a trophy skipper may serve as crew aboard a competing boat.

Finally, I'd like to thank the people who volunteered and helped out at social sail this summer. People like Nikki Goodman and Tina Daberkow have done a great job with social sail. But, we still need volunteers to finish out the season. If you'd like to be a host, dockmaster, or big boat skipper or if you'd like to help with one of the regattas, please give me a call at work (703) 998-1911 or e-mail me at lspain@calibresys.com.

Dates to remember:

Every Month:

First Monday 7PM- Board Meeting in the chart room Not September though.

Second Monday 6:30PM Membership Meeting at the American Legion

Every Wednesday: SCOW races

Every Thursday : Social Sail

Aug. 1-3 Bay Sail: Severn R/Whitehall Bay/Mill Creek. New Moon Cruise

Aug. 16 Marina Scavenger Hunt Social

Aug. 30-Sep 1 Bay Sail: Little Choptank River Labor Day Raft up

Sept. 3 SCOW Board of Directors meeting 6PM

Sept. 6,7 Leukemia Cup Races

Sept. 10 Bay/Coastal Navigation Class- Chart Room

Sept. 12 Cruising Boat Course-Chart Room

Sept. 13 Bay/Coastal Navigation- water

Sept. 14,21 Cruising Boat Course- water sessions

Sept. 16 USCG Aux Boat Safety Class- Chart Room

Sept. 19,26 Cruising Boat Course-water evening sessions 6PM

Sept. 25 Intermediate Sail Course 7-10:30PM-Chart Room

**Sept. 27 Also Ran Regatta and Picnic
Sept. 28 Intermediate Sail Course- water**

Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle o'Rum (SCOW Scavenger Hunt)

All ye skippers, sailors, deck swabbers, and treasure seekers hopin' to get yer hands on some pirates' Treasure come to the SCOW August 16 social at the Washington Marina. Rumor has it that there's bounty hidden on Daingerfield Island just waiting to be found!! Be among the lucky ones who find it!!! A feast of summer fare and Black Beard's favorite beverages will be served up to all lurking pirates, treasure hunters, and hungry peglegs. Clues? Riddles? X's marking spots? See you there, mates!!!

Come to the Crabfeast!

SCOW will be having a crabfeast on Saturday, August 16, at the Washington Sailing Marina picnic area. We will have freshly steamed crabs, corn on the cob, beer and sodas, and other picnic fare. The crabfeast will begin at 4:30, immediately after the scavenger hunt (see related article). The cost is \$15 per person, and advanced reservations are a must because we have to order crabs in advance. [A few walk-ins may possibly be accomodated, but it will be \$17 per person with no guarantee...they will have to wait untill everyone else has been served.]

Please send your checks to Allan Lewis, 2755 Ordway St., NW, #414, Washington, DC, 20008. The August 11 membership meeting is the deadline for reservations. For more information, to volunteer, or if you can't/don't eat crabs, call Allan at (202)-244-5516. Hope to see you there!