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

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### February Speaker

SCOW member Bill Davenport has arranged for Andrew Scott of Scott's Sails in Annapolis to speak to the club at our February general membership meeting. Mr. Scott is a champion racer and a Melges 24 skipper and will talk about racing rules and sail trim techniques. He is especially interested in taking questions from members on these issues, so come prepared with your questions.

### Commodore's Log

#### Jay Weitzel

Walter Cronkite: "My dream is to die on a sixty foot yacht with an eighteen-year-old mistress."

Mrs. Cronkite (apparently less than amused): "He'll be lucky to have a eighteen foot yacht and a sixty-year-old mistress."

OK, while I cannot personally vouch for the accuracy of those quotes, they were attributed to the Cronkites in an article I recently read.

Walter Cronkite, like us, is an avid sailor and a boat owner. Have you ever noticed that those big-time network anchors never seem to go on vacation? When someone is filling in for them, the substitute always says that the regular anchor is "on assignment." Cronkite spent so much time away from his anchor desk and on his boat that CBS employees joked that Cronkite's boat must be named "Assignment."

Well, if it worked for Walter Cronkite, it might work for the rest of us who need occasionally to leave the office a bit early to fulfill those all-important sailing obligations. For example, I am thinking about renaming my boat "The Law Library." When someone calls for me at the office, my secretary can tell them, quite honestly, "He is out of the office at The Law Library." Nobody needs to be the wiser.

I offer this helpful advice because one of the goals of SCOW's Board 2K is to develop and carry out a schedule of activities that will require you, from time to time, to put aside mundane things like earning a living or maintaining your house in favor of something much more important -- spending time with your friends at the Marina or on the Bay. SCOW's Year 2000 Calendar of Events is in this issue of Channels, so print it out or clip it out and mark your own calendars now for a season full of fun. In addition to the events on this schedule, we have some other ideas in

the works. We will always try to announce those in advance at the monthly member meetings, in Channels and by email. And, if you have suggestions for activities that you would like to see -- or if you want to volunteer to help coordinate any SCOW event -- contact me or any other member of the Board.

Fair (winter) winds to all.

### **SCOW Says Thanks!**

SCOW thanks the following folks for their contributions to our club recently: Betsy Troeder and everyone else who made the Holiday Raft-Up such a success; Stu Robinson, for the entertaining presentation about his sailing experiences at January's membership meeting; Bob Bruening, SCOW's past Treasurer, for his extra assistance to Board 2K in developing this year's budget; and Monica Maynard, for her work in addressing some critical maintenance needs on Rebecca.

If you know of someone who should be recognized for a special contribution, please contact Commodore Jay Weitzel.

Help Wanted SCOW needs help in the following areas. If you can contribute, please contact the persons listed below.

Channels Editor - Larry Gemoets has done a great job for a long while as editor but would like to turn it over to a new person. If you have skills in desk-top publishing - or have wanted the excuse to develop some - contact Commodore Jay Weitzel.

### **The Sailor's Bookshelf**

There quite a number of "how to" books on sailing. Unfortunately, the general books tend to give shallow coverage to many topics, while those on specific aspects of the sport tend to be quite narrow in scope.

On a recent trip to London, I wandered into a sailing shop and discovered a book I had not seen before, *Glenan's Manual of Sailing* (1995, David & Charles, 1132 pp.). This book is general, in that it covers the broad scope of sailing, including not only boat handling but also theory, navigation, weather, etc. Unlike most general books, though, it goes into great detail and gives lots of practical hints on every page. (A thousand pages of text and pictures will let you do that.) For example, there are eleven pages on tacking alone, discussing every step of the maneuver and the problems that can arise, and that is in addition to a separate chapter (50 pages) on boat control that addresses issues such as weight distribution and sail trim. Almost twenty pages are given to crew overboard techniques.

The book is put out by a French sailing school and is intended to accumulate various sailing techniques, rather than to advocate a single approach, as many books do. The translated version is published in London is available in the US from some specialty sailing sources (the Marine Education Textbooks Catalog at [www.maritimeusa.com](http://www.maritimeusa.com) carries it) and, given its size, it is not

cheap (the same source lists it at \$67), but you may find it a useful addition to your sailing library.

P.S. And, for those looking for a general book that is cheaper, there evidently is a new addition of the Annapolis Book of Seamanship and I have spotted copies of the older edition for \$9.99 in the bargain pile at Crown Books!

### **Board Appointments**

In accordance with the SCOW by-laws, the Board has appointed John Rogers to the vacant Board director position. John will serve as River Director. In addition, the Board has appointed Ruth Connolly as SCOW's first Race Captain. Ruth will organize SCOW's racing program this year, including changes to existing practices that will result from the on-going Racing Committee review begun last year. Thanks to both Ruth and John for agreeing to serve with the Board this year in these key positions.

### **America's Cup Party**

Come cheer on your favorite team on Saturday, February 19th as the America's Cup gets underway. Join SCOW for its first-ever America's Cup Party at the Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 South 23rd Street in Arlington from 6:30-10 p.m. We've reserved our own special room where we can watch the race coverage on ESPN II, enjoy great hors d'oeuvres and drinks, wager, argue and swap our own stories of sailing daring do. Just because Dennis Conner is out in the cold, doesn't mean there won't be plenty of hot competition. Don't miss the start of this exciting race series and the opportunity to be part of what may prove to be a new SCOW tradition! For more information, please call Kathryn Scott at 703.683.3036.

### **Skipper Coordinator Liz Bruening**

Attention all SCOW Skippers. In early March you will receive your skipper renewal packet. You may renew at the Re-Up Brunch on Sunday, March 12 (look for me at the Skipper Renewal Table) or you may mail your completed form and your check to me.

Remember: Anyone who operates a boat must have a Safe Boating Certificate. Classes in Safe Boating are given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary (various locations) and by DC Harbor Police (550 Water St. SW, 202-727-4582). A test is given at the end of the series of classes and with a passing score, a Safe Boating Certificate is issued. If you do not wish to take the classes, you may take just the test (50 questions) from DC Harbor Police. I will have their study booklets available at the Re-Up Brunch.

SCOW skippers may sail all year long.

## Summary Report of SCOW Income and Expenses 1/1/99 Through 12/31/99

### Income Administrative:

web site 65.17 Administrative-Other 213.43

Total Administrative 278.60

Boat Asset Fund In-Transfer from Boat asset Fund (Mosaic Mutual fund) 3,399.00 Boat Use Fees 9,560.00 Boatique Sales 44.00 Donation 10.00 Member Activity Printing-Refund 46.23 Member Dues 13,647.00 Social: Also Ran Picnic 6.26 Canoe Trip 137.50 Crab Feast 1,014.00 Fifty-Fifty 107.00 Hail & Fare 1,920.00 Hexagon- Buy Tickets to be resold 435.00 Holiday Raftup 594.00 July 4 104.00 Maint picnics 8.00 Mardi Gras 210.00 Reup 351.00 Social Sail Food-Cash item 1,359.15

Total Social 6,245.91

Training 5,600.00 Bank and Money Market Fund Interest 563.63

Total Income 39,394.37

### Expenses Admin:

DC Corp Fee 50.00 PO Box Rental 104.20 Postage 211.19 Storage Unit 825.00 Supplies 29.25 Telephone 438.21 Web site domain name registration 35.00

Total Admin 1,692.85

Bay Activities 8.91 Boat Asset Fund 1,559.21 Boat Asset Fund Capital Expenses for boat equipment 5,561.79 Boatique Outlay 243.54

Fleet Operation: Insurance 3,005.00 Maintenance 2,203.47 Registration 80.00 Scheduler 500.00 Skipper Materials 92.52 Slip fees 5,515.80

Total Fleet Operation 11,396.79

Member Activity: Directory postage 69.92 Directory printing 546.01 Dues Refund 205.00 Elections 4.05 Elections Postage 85.31 Elections Printing 144.91 Meeting Room 2,035.00 Supplies 34.66

Total Member Activity 3,124.86

Newsletter: Newsletter Postage 265.39 Newsletter Printing 484.38 Newsletter (materials postage or printing not specified) 2,139.37

Total Newsletter 2,889.14

Social Outlay: Canoe 137.50 Crab 837.47 Hail & Farewell 2,131.10 Halloween 78.82 Hexagon 450.00 Holiday raftup 1,197.32 July 4th 349.42 Maint Picnics 24.70 Mardi Gras 641.80 Re-up Brunch 918.80 Social sail food- Cash item 1,455.00

Total Social Outlay 8,221.93

Training Outlay 951.08

Total Expenses 35,650.10

Total Income less Expenses 3,744.27

Year end account Balances: Mosaic Money Market Fund- Boat Assets 11,211.47 SCOW Crestar Money Market 4,572.49 SCOW Crestar Checking Account 2,847.23 Total Balance Forward \$18,631.19

## **2000 Annual Calendar of Events**

### **Regular Meetings**

Board Meeting, open to all. Potowmack Landing Chart Room, Marina, 1st Monday of every month, 7:00 PM

Monthly Meeting American Legion Hall, Alexandria, 2nd Monday of every month (except December), Social Hour - 6:30 PM, Program and Meeting - 7:30 PM

Thursday Night Social No-Sail Clyde's of Alexandria, 1700 Beauregard St. (703)820-8300, now through April 13th, resume October 12th , 7:00 PM

Thursday Night Social Sail WSM, April 20th - October 5th, 6:00 PM

Tuesday Night Flying Scot Races - WSM, May 2nd - October 10th , 6:00 PM

### **January**

Wed. 19th Race Meeting Open Forum, WSM After Deck Cafe 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Sat. 22nd Ice Skating, Sculpture Gardens, Washington, DC 2:00 PM, social event to follow

### **February**

Sat. 19th America's Cup Party, Tentatively 7 PM, Confirmed time and location TBA

### **March**

Sun. 12th Re-Up Brunch, The Colonies of McLean, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## **April**

Sat. 8th Maintenance Day and Picnic, WSM, 9:00 AM

Thu. 13th Last Social No-Sail, Clyde's, Clyde's of Alexandria, 1700 Beauregard St. (703)820-8300, 7:00 PM

Sat. 15th Train the Trainers, WSM, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thu. 20th First Social Sail, WSM, 6:00 PM - dark Mon. 24th Racing Seminar, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Wed. 26th Basic Sailing Class Series I, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM;  
4 Classroom sessions: April 26th, May 3rd , 10th , 17th ; 6 Water sessions, WSM, April 29-30th,  
May 6-7th , May 13-14th

## **May**

Sat. 6th Cruising Boat Classes, WSM, 3 Sessions: Sat 5/6 at 8:00 AM, Sat 5/13 at 8:00 AM, Fri 5/19 at 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sat. 20th Basic Sailing I Make-up Water Class, WSM, 8:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Sun. 21st Skipper Check-out, WSM, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sun 21st Check-out Picnic, WSM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sat. 27th Memorial Day Bay Cruise to Mike Geisinger's Cottage, lower Potomac

Wed. 31st Basic Sailing Class Series II, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM;  
4 Classroom sessions: May 31st, June 7th, 14th, 21st; 6 Water sessions, WSM, May 3-4, May 10-11 , May 17-18th

## **June**

Sat. 3rd River Raft Up #1, 10:00 AM - Sun 6/4 at 4:00 PM

Fri. 9th New Member Cruise, WSM, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Sat. 17th Bay Navigation Class, Mike Geisinger's Cottage, lower Potomac, 10:00 AM-Sun 6/18 at 4:00 PM

Sat. 24th Basic Sailing II Make-up Water Class, WSM, 8:00 AM, 12:30 PM Sun 25th Skipper Check-out, WSM, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Sun 25th Check-out Picnic, WSM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## **July**

Sat. 1st Bay Cruise, Sat 7/1/00 10:00 AM - Tue 7/4/00 4:00 PM

Fri. 7th New Member Cruise, WSM Dock F, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Sat. 8th Smoot's Cove Raft-up, WSM, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sat. 15th Capsize Course, WSM, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sat. 22nd Canoe Trip, 9:00 AM

Wed. 26th Basic Sailing Class Series III, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM; 4 Classroom sessions: July 26th , August 2nd, 9th, 16th; 6 Water sessions, WSM, July 29-30, August 5-6, 12-13

## **August**

Sat. 5th Crab Feast, WSM, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sat. 19th Basic Sailing Class III Water Make-up, WSM, 8:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Sun. 20th Skipper Check-out, WSM, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sun. 20th Check-out Picnic, WSM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## **September**

Fri. 1st Labor Day Bay Raft-up, 9:00 AM - Tue 9/5 at 4:00 PM

Sat. 9th Leukemia Cup, WSM

Sat. 23rd 30th Annual Also-Ran Regatta, WSM, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## **October**

Thu. 5th - Mon. 9th Annapolis Boat Show, Annapolis

Thu. 5th Last Social Sail, WSM, 6:00 PM

Sat. 14th Maintenance Day, WSM, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thu. 12th Social No-Sail begins, Location TBA

**November**

Mon. 13th Elections held at Monthly Meeting

Sat. 18th Hail & Farewell, Time and location TBA

**December**

Sun. 3rd Holiday Raft-up, The Colonies of McLean, 5:00 PM

Mon. 4th Joint Board Meeting, Potowmack Landing Chart Room, 7:00 PM

**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

For information about club activities Call: 202.628.7245 (That's 628.SAIL) Visit us at: [www.scow.org](http://www.scow.org) Write us: [info@scow.org](mailto:info@scow.org)

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Submit articles to [channels@scow.org](mailto:channels@scow.org) by one week after the monthly meeting. Use any means, but email is preferred.

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