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River Days - A Good Beginning

By Alice Starcke

Summer is here - Finally!! The sky is blue, with a few clouds. The day is warm and balmy. The wind is up 10-15 knots or so. Are you out there on the Potomac enjoying it? I certainly hope so, because despite a rainy month of May SCOW's River Activities program is in full swing with lots of folks enjoying evening sails and racing, good food and comradeship.

I feel great about how well the program has started, and want to thank everyone who has helped so far: Denise Derry, Tina Daberkow, Shelby Shoop, Kelly Bowers, Donna Thurber, Peter Hirshman, Cathy Hess, Sandy Clover, Bev Ashcraft, Larry Gemoets, Wilson Varga, Victoria Hampton, Stuart Ullman, Thom Unger, Monica Maynard, and Jim Metcalf. There are many others who have also pitched in whose names I don't know. Your work is greatly appreciated. Special kudos go to those who organized a River Raft-Up in mid-May, which I flat-out forgot and neglected due to work and other pressures.

But many more Social Sails and Race Nights are coming up. More volunteers are needed to share the load, so that a few people don't get burned out. Perhaps a few words are in order about the importance of these events:

Social Sail is the single biggest thing we do to introduce and welcome prospective members to the club.

Racing is one of the best ways to improve your sailing skills, because you must concentrate on making the boat follow a specific course, watch out for other boat traffic, and follow specific rules of a pretty complex game. Racing skills also help in your cruising life especially if you must go through narrow channels and harbors on the way to your destination, and, the trim-for-speed tips you learn from racing help you get to a destination more efficiently.

I urge everyone to take a turn at helping with and/or participating in Social Sail and River Racing this summer and early fall. The reward from volunteering is the fun of doing what you like: sailing and helping others to have an opportunity to sail.

Remember my mottoes for Social Sail: Many Hands Make Light Work and Pitch-In is the Name of the Game. I'd like to get as many people involved as possible each week. If you can, call to volunteer ahead of time. If not, please offer assistance when you arrive--every little bit of help is welcome.

The three primary tasks are: Dockmaster (carries around the notebook and signs people up for Flying Scot sails), Picnic Coordinators (bring the food and set it up), and 2 - 3 Qualified Skippers to sail the Flying Scots. A sign-up list is available at monthly meetings to sign up for the week you can volunteer.

When you volunteer for these tasks, feel free to contact others you know and enlist their help. The picnic doesn't have to be a hamburger and hot dog cookout. Volunteers may arrange for any type of food they wish--a cold-cut sandwich buffet, potluck dishes, or whatever else. One of our most fun Social Sails this spring was Shelby Shoop's birthday party. The paella she prepared ahead of time at home was excellent and only required a bit of reheating on the grill. I want to leave the options open!

Weekly Rides on Rebecca and Psycho

Cruiser sailing is gaining popularity during Thursday Social Sails due to the coordination of Nancy Little. She organizes evening-long cruises on the Potomac to promote our cruising fleet, every Thursday. If you're interested in participating as skipper or crew, please give her a call at (301) 972-7069. The boats tend to leave the docks around 6:30-7:00, and sail into the sunset! It's a great way to spend an evening.

Learning To Race Can Be Fun

Probably the best racing advice I've heard recently is: Get your head outside of the boat. That means you have reached a level beyond basic steering and sail trim. Your concentration is on the race course and where the turning marks are, staying on the layline your trajectory for most efficiently rounding the next mark and following the right-of-way rules. And that's describing sailboat racing in very simple terms; I think the first three sentences sort of sum up racing's essence. But as many are aware, there's a whole lot more to the game than that. First there's the whole game of trimming for speed. Then strategy and tactics, for example, refer to actions such as focusing on where your opponents are and what you might do to block their wind, how to make the best approach to the starting line, and how to work the wind shifts and use the current to best advantage.

Yes, it's a complex game, and you may be thinking, "I'm just an average beginner and all those skills sound very difficult." Well, in our racing program, we try to start at the sailor's current skill level, and build it gradually through weekly practice.

Our Racing Program is fun, because we are putting more emphasis on learning and enjoying the race experience than on winning. We've started the summer series with the most simple and basic race course possible, just a windward/leeward loop, a hot-dog as some racers call it. Assisting with Race Committee duties is part of the game. Every race participant will be asked (drafted, if necessary) to take a turn this year--either running the stopwatch for the starting sequences, raising and lowering signal flags, helping to set out the marks, or helping to launch and rig a Flying Scot.

New River Director Needed That's the good news. Now, the bad news. I have notified the Commodore that I must resign from the job of River Activities Director. Due to unforeseen events in my personal and professional life, I am not able to devote the time required on a regular basis to club functions. I plan to volunteer whenever possible, but don't yet know when that will be. So your Commodore and Board will be actively recruiting a new director this summer. I regret having to quit, as I have enjoyed the experience and have learned a lot from it. To all who voted for me last fall, thank you very much for the opportunity!

[Photo Caption] River Racing: a scene from the SCOW Also-Ran Regatta, 1995.

Commodores Log By Stuart Ullman

Sail. Do it now. Well, you can finish reading Channels first, but do it soon. The Washington summer is coming.

Several of us just had a preview of summer, on the SCOW down the river raft up. Temperature in the 90s and feeble winds, or no winds, for the whole weekend. In mid-May! Do we have to schedule these things in March?

Well, it was a good weekend despite that: too much motoring, and too much heat, but we were on the river, on an adventure, and we had good company. Still, it reminded me what the summer is like here. I forget, every year. Every year July surprises me. Today I remember, because it's still 90 degrees and the trees are as quiet as rocks. But when this Channels comes out the weather will be better, I hope. Weather like June. Weather for an aging spring. Then we will forget, and become complacent. Life is busy. There is always work that presses us. So there will be a time when we could sail, but something else seems more urgent, and we will tell ourselves that we can always sail next week. Next week, and then next week again, and soon July is here.

The year is really very simple. Winter is for work, summer is for siestas, fall and spring are for sailing.

You're still here? You still don't remember what summer is. Some who are reading this are new, to SCOW and to Washington, and haven't yet spent a summer here. How can I convince you? Here, let me drag up a bit of summer from another year. Some training director a few years back wrote this to describe the July he was living in:

Pathetic. I emerge each day from my office into stillness, humidity and pounding heat: we know what summers here are like, so what did we expect? A sane adult would find the nearest air conditioning and hide out until it's over. But I go out in boats at every chance, and sit on the oozing water in shorts wet from trips overboard, and a hat wet from plain sweat. I peer across the river, pointing at other silly people in other silly boats, and I say the thing that summer sailors say: 'look, they have wind! There's wind over there!'...while they without question are pointing back at me embracing a like hallucination. I know this. But when, out the window of my office just before I leave, I see the flag rock limply on the pole, or when my motion as I walk nudges a

leaf outside my office door, so that in the corner of my eye I see it sway beside me, I think 'wind; the wind is coming back.' Then I stop to lift the stone-still soaking shirt away from where it sticks to my arms and shoulders.

The wind did not come back that July. The weather was like that until late in August.

So now you have been reminded, and my advice is: sail now. You have wind, and mild days left. Summer is nearby, and getting nearer every minute. Washington's summer is the train coming at us, and we are tied to the track.

Now on to business.

Later in this issue you will find a revised SCOW calendar for the rest of the year. A few things have changed since January. So rip down that old calendar from the front of the refrigerator, and replace it with this one. And to the bay skippers: wherever the words raft up are followed by TBD, that means that we still have no raftmaster for that weekend. So take charge, call Bill, be the master of some weekend raftup. Don't be satisfied to meekly follow others to the raft destinations they like. Be powerful. Make all of the rest of the bay skippers raft at the destinations you like.

Also in this issue you will find Denise Derry's memories of the day we spent with Len Zuza on Sea Frog, waiting for the Whitbread racers to slide past us on their trip down the Chesapeake. It was a fantastic day of sailing, and a privilege to be on the water with these sleek, fast, beautiful boats, crewed by the best sailors in the world. Len not only took SCOW members with him on his boat for this occasion, but he also volunteered his dock as a raftup point before we left for the bay. I'm grateful for both of these things. This was, in my opinion, an immensely successful SCOW function. It helped that the weather was wonderful (cloudy and gray with enough wind to keep us occupied while we waited), and that we were witnessing a bit of history. But its success was also a result of Len's generosity in offering the use of his dock, and the efforts of Len and Mike Geissinger in organizing it.

Finally, some news I saved for last because it's important. In each of the last several issues of Channels we tried to emphasize one area of SCOW activities. This month we wanted to focus on River Activities, and Alice Starke has written an outstanding article to occupy the front page. At the end of that article, she informs the membership, as she has already informed me, that because of several personal matters that demand her time, matters that were not foreseen when she ran for office last year, she must resign from the position of River Director. The Bylaws require the board to select a replacement within 30 days of the occurrence of a vacancy, and perhaps by the time this issue is out we will have a new River Director. That is a matter for me to attend to tomorrow. Today, I want to say to Alice: thank you for your excellent work so far this year, for six months of work as a SCOW board member. Thank you for all the time you volunteered to SCOW in a year that has been very busy.

Training by Scott Getzow

The first capsized course is Saturday, July 18 from 10-4:00. This is an important course to take, especially for beginner sailors. Students will practice righting boats many, many times in the protected waters of Smoots Cove, under the experienced eyes of some of SCOW's best capsizers. You never know when this skill will be needed, so be sure to sign up. To reserve a spot in the class just send me a check for \$20, made payable to SCOW. As of mid-May, the following people have signed up: Sandy Clover, Larry Gemoets, Kathleen O'Keefe, and Cathy Hess. If you can't make this class, there will be another capsized course on August 15.

The second Basic Sailing Course, which starts on June 17, is officially filled. The following people are registered for the class: Rebecca Roper, Michael O'Hara, Cherie Doran, Greg Roemer, Mathew Roberts, Leslie Harte, Michael Norman, Susan Norman, Maureen McNamara, Russell Norman, Brigitte Taylor, and Jane Farthing.

The Intermediate Sailing Course is slated for August 26 & 31. Students will also have two water sessions during which to apply and practice the skills discussed. It's a bargain at just \$50.

To reserve space in any class, send me a check for the course fees: Scott Getzow, 225 Century Place, Apt. 2206, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Maintenance by Monica Maynard

Our Spring Maintenance Day on Saturday, April 25, was a great success. We accomplished more than I had imagined was possible. This was because you came, with your energy and your skills, willing to work. We were graced with perfect weather for the day. Merri Ash planned a fine feast for all, though she wasn't here to personally oversee the picnic, her picnic volunteers provided us with a wonderful spread.

You all did a great job! THANKS!

Lavishing TLC on our boats on the spring maintenance day were:

Stu Robinson, Kevin Teitel, Karen Hurd, Bill Bernhards, George Love, Peter Stogis, Sandy Clover, Larry Gemoets, Shelly Howes, Mark Elbert, Larry Czikra, Pat Czikra, Donna Thurber, Leona Roszkowski, Mike Keller, Leslie Gatch, Craig (Corky) Searls, Toni Boyd, Nancy Little, Bryan Lee, Denise Derry, Joan Olmstead, Tom Flesher, Bill Clark, Bob Marshall, Sharon Forest, Tom LeBrun, Dick Dyer, Joni Dyer, Rick Peters, Barby Ullman, Stuart Ullman, John Coyle, David Scheuermann, Andrew Scheuermann, Susan Kaufmann, Jim Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Cindy Peters, Jeff Teitel, Kelly Bowers, Shelby Shoop, John Kauffman, 4th, John Kauffman, 5th, Mike Gordon, Bill Davenport, Thom Unger, and all of you who missed putting your names on the sign-in sheet!

Thanks again for making our maintenance day a great success!

I would like to extend special thanks to Bill Bernhards who headed up our efforts to get the Flying Spots ship shape, to Stuart Ullman and Thom Unger who did the same for our cruising boats, to Stu Robinson for overseeing Danschweida's repairs, and to Bill Davenport who got a good start on making Susie Q's trailer road-worthy.

Joe DePoorter didn't join us for maintenance day, but has put in many hours building a new electrical switch panel box for Rebecca and moving the wiring from the old, poorly-located panel to the new panel. Stop by and admire his handiwork - the new box is beautiful to behold.

Sailing season is now in full swing. With use, things do break and wear out. When you see something on the boats that needs attention, or have a question, or a suggestion, please let me know. You can leave a message on the SCOW Hotline, or give me a call directly, or drop me an e-mail.

Now let's all get out there and sail!

June 13 Bay Raft-up

Saturday, June 13, SCOW's Bay skippers will rendezvous in Leeds Creek, across from St. Michael's. The raft will anchor around 4-5:00, off of the brick manor house, which is on the right side of the creek (as you enter). Raftmistress Carrie Blankfield requests that skippers let her know if they plan to join the group so she can send supplemental information, (h) 202-244-5959, (w) 703-698-3201. Barring mechanical difficulties or torrential thunderstorms, Carrie, aboard SPINDRIFT, will welcome skippers to the creek, and will monitor channel 16 at 15 minutes before every hour for any hails from SCOW skippers. A crew list will be developed at the June member meeting. Phone Bill Davenport for info, 703-960-4238.

Together Again, July 4th Social & Bay Raft-up Planned

A combination Bay raft-up & land social will be held 3:00, Saturday, July 4, at the A-frame cottage and dockhouse of Len & Karen Zuza, in Solomons, MD. "Sea Aerie" is snuggled into a wooded hillside, overlooking St. John's Creek. There is plenty of water to allow deeper draft boats and the dock has room for a small raft as well. Landlubbers might want to tour the Solomons Museum before coming to the picnic if they have never been to the area. Our scout has confirmed that the area's fireworks are planned for Saturday night, and around 8:00-ish, we'll ask a generous skipper or two to ferry as many people as possible to a waterside location to view the show from the water. An added bonus! With the fire marshal's approval, and pending Coast Guard approval, skippers may discharge expired flares during a strictly controlled training session at the dock. This is a great opportunity for skippers and crew to familiarize themselves with flare procedures. Skippers should bring along their outdated flares for this exercise.

The location of the dock, when arriving by water is approximately: 38 20' 05" / 76 26' 08"

Directions by land to Sea Aerie: Take exit 11A off the Beltway, onto Route 4 (southeast toward Upper Marlboro). Travel roughly 50 miles/one hour. About one mile after the sign "Solomons 5 miles," turn left onto Rousby Hall Road (Rte. 760)/Olivet Rd. Go straight about 2.2 miles (do not turn left at mile 1.4, when Rte. 760/Rousby Hall Rd. does so) and you will find yourself on Olivet Rd. At mile 2.2, turn right onto St. Johns Creek Rd. Go 0.2 miles and turn left onto a gravel road, also named St. Johns Creek Rd. Follow it to the end. SEA AERIE is the cedar red A-frame on the right at the end of the road.

More details will be available at the June member meeting, or by phoning Bill Davenport, 703-960-4238 or Merri Ash, 703-549-9094.

Little Theatre of Alexandria Jerry Nothman

This is the 17th consecutive year that SCOW will be subscribing to the Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) theatrical season. We have tentatively reserved the same 31 seats as last year, for the 1998/99 season.

The plays that will be presented during the coming season:

July Fiddler on the Roof (Musical) Sept. Private Lives Nov. I am not Rappaport Jan.'99 The Murder Room Feb Stardust (Musical) April Loot June The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild

Except for the two musicals, the other five are various types of comedies: satire, murder, drama, or farce.

As in the past, we will attend the first Thursday evening performance of the play. The price for all seven plays is \$63, or \$52 if you skip the first play in July and attend the other six. If you cannot attend the evening of our scheduled performance, you may exchange your ticket(s) for another performance for a \$3.00 service fee.

If you wish to participate, please let me have your check by the June 8 meeting or mail it to me by that date. Make your check payable to: Jerry Nothman 2706 S. 9th Street, Arlington, VA 22204-2370. LTA always sells out their season tickets so let me know in time. If you have any questions give me a call on 703-920-2750 or e-mail: flyjerry@erols.com.

Calling All SCOW Photographers by Tina Daberkow

A scrapbook of SCOW events was started last year and displayed at the Hail and Farewell and the Holiday Raft-up. SCOW would like to continue to maintain the book to highlight the exciting and wonderful events that are held throughout the year. We need your help. Have you taken pictures at any of the recent SCOW events? Are there some great shots you would like to share

with the whole club? Drop off copies of your pictures to Tina Daberkow at any of the club events or mail them to her at 200 N. Maple Avenue, #507, Falls Church, VA 22046.

Special Sailing by David Scheuermann

Help spread the cheer of sailing to some Special Olympians. The Special Olympians are mentally-challenged young adults who need practice sailing for regattas. We are looking for skippers and crew to take them out in the Scots around the lagoon and let them practice handling the sheets or just sharing the experience of sailing - sometimes that's enough. For safety and to sail under racing conditions there must be both a skipper and at least one able-bodied crew person per boat, along with one or two Special Olympians. The Special Olympics organization can provide crew and launching support if needed. We have set four Sundays aside this summer to help these folks prepare: June 7 and 14th and July 19 and 26th, starting around noon. Please contact David Scheuermann at 703 768-5826 (h). Thanks.

Got good wind? by Kelly C. Bowers

And I don't mean the kind that fills your sails. I mean the kind that fills your lungs. If you do and you're grateful or wish you did and envy those that do, several of us have a wonderful way for you to express yourself!

The American Lung Association is sponsoring a bike tour called the Clean Air Challenge the weekend of June 13 & 14 on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. SCOW's own Tina Daberkow has put together a team to ride it (affectionately dubbed Team Harem but that's another story you'll have to ask the team about). Turns out, most of the team is from SCOW! TEAM HAREM includes Tina Daberkow, Jeff Teitel, Monica Maynard, Thom Unger, Kelly Bowers, Kevin Teitel, Bill Clark, Shelby Shoop, and Lizzie Hess (the only non-SCOW team member). We've been riding on the weekends and some during the week to get in shape. We have a choice of routes and we're aiming for the 75-mile route (over 2 days).

In addition to getting to pedal the Eastern Shore, we'll be (you knew this was coming) fund-raising! Each of us has to raise \$200 for the ride. If you'd like to contribute (and we'll take donations as small or as large as you feel inclined to give...even \$5 helps), look for one of us at (1) the monthly meeting, (2) at social sail, or (3) drop one of us an e-mail and we'll find a way to get to you!. Any donations from SCOW folks will be pooled to make sure we all make our fund-raising goal (so you don't have to feel uncomfortable about picking favorites among us). Please make checks payable to The American Lung Association.

We'll provide the pedal power. Can you help us come up with the cash (and we need moral support too)?

Here's hoping for good wind.

Crossing the Bar

SCOW extends condolences to Marcia Green for the death of her husband Jerry last month. Marcia has been a member of SCOW for more than 20 years, has served on the board many times, and has shared her world-wide sailing adventures at SCOW meetings. We share in her sadness.

Whitbread Day on the Bay By Denise Derry

On Sunday, 3 May, I was fortunate to find myself aboard one of the estimated 6,000 spectator boats scattered on the Bay from Annapolis to Solomons, encouraging the nine, 60-foot Whitbread racing boats as they began the 8th leg of their 9-leg round-the-world race. It was history! I am very happy to have been invited by Len Zuza to sail SEA FROG out of the Patuxent River, with other SCOW members: Stuart and Barby Ullman, Dan McClafferty and Karyl Thomas.

The day was perfect for sailing. Some sun, some clouds, warm enough for shorts part of the day. We had a steady 12-15 kts from the south all day. The Whitbread boats (W60s) did not have as good of winds at the start line, one mile north of the Annapolis-Bay Bridge. They were a bit slow in reaching us, but finally arrived during a window around 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We would hear reports of their progress on the radio throughout the afternoon, "They just reached Thomas Point," "Seems to be a hole around the West River." I think most of the reports were optimistic. The boats may or may not have been where the reporter claimed. Most likely the reporter was there, and if he could see a W60, then the report was that the W60 was there too -- but that might be miles off, and when they were only doing 4-5 kts, it takes a while to travel. We took bets as to when they'd arrive. After a few rounds of that game we gave up, and kept scanning the horizon when we weren't tacking or jibing across the Bay.

Finally, with the binoculars, we could make out a few very tall sails. It must be them. There was a lot of haze to the north, but these shapes were constant. It had to be them. When they were closer, we could see fishing boats filled with people, powering alongside. Someone aboard remarked how unusual it is that power boaters would come out for such an event, when they seem to dislike sailboats. But, this was history. SEA FROG's crew lit up when the W60s flowed past us. It energized us. It was neat to be there with them. These were the boats millions of people track every day, on the Internet site: www.whitbread.org. These were celebrities.

This was the first time the Whitbread race had included a stop on the Chesapeake Bay, due in no small part - OK, probably entirely - to the efforts of George Collins, retired CEO of a major American investment company. This Annapolis financier almost entirely funded CHESSIE RACING and its crew, and has even sailed two of the legs. CHESSIE is the only boat of the race not backed by a corporation.

If you weren't lucky enough to be on the water with the boats, you could have visited them in Baltimore or Annapolis during their 2-week stopover. As reported in the Washington Post, the sailors really enjoyed their respite here, and noted that there was more enthusiasm from the crowds than in New Zealand, which avidly supports sailing.

To see the W60s flow past us on SEA FROG was like watching a parade pass when you were a little kid. The boats were very large, very smooth and graceful. FROGGIE would feel each wave under her, but the W60s sliced through without a hiccup. Crews lined the rails. This sail was in the hands of the navigators and helmsmen. As they passed Cove Point, TOSHIBA was hot on the tail of leader SWEDISH MATCH, with CHESSIE lagging a bit. Now that the 8th leg is over, we know that TOSHIBA won this leg, and EF LANGUAGE has won the Whitbread overall, with a leg to spare, coming in 6th place on Leg 8.

I really appreciate the opportunity Len provided me to witness this bit of history-in-the-making. Next time the race is run in 2001-2002, it will not be known as The Whitbread - it will be the Volvo something or other. The beer manufacturer, Whitbread, won't be sponsoring it again. The schedule for the next race will be announced at the end of this year, and we don't know if the Chesapeake Bay will be on the itinerary or not. I've read that the racers thought the event had too many stops, so it may be streamlined. It'd be nice if it does come to our area again, just because the Chesapeake offers world-class sailing and very enthusiastic and welcoming crowds. I'm glad I was able to see them in my home waters, and I'm sure the crews on the other SCOW-member boats we saw that day feel the same, which included Mike Geissinger's EUPHORIA, Jack and Nikki Goodman's CAT MORGAN, and Don Deese's CARPE DIEM. I expect we'll remember this event for a while.

Note: if you'd like to remember this event every day for the rest of your life, you can order a full-color, poster print of the race on the Bay, shot by photojournalist Mike Geissinger. Proceeds of this sale will benefit SCOW's Boat Asset Fund. Check the SCOW web site (www.scow.org) for more info!

I'll just tell you: plans have shifted, expectations have evolved, and the SCOW calendar we published in January has to be updated. Well, it happens. Things change. There is turbulence everywhere, gusting and gasping around us. Plans fall apart, and new plans rise up to take their place.

Here is the current calendar.

New Revised SCOW Calendar - 1998

All Year: Board Meetings

**Open to all
Potowmack Landing Chart Room
1st Monday of Every Month, 7:30
Monthly Meeting
American Legion Hall, Alexandria
2nd Monday of every month
Social Hour 6:30**

Program & Meeting 7:30
Thursday Night Social Sail
Washington Sailing Marina 6:00
April 23rd through October 22
Thursday Night Social No-Sail
Potowmack Landing Bar 6:30
October 29 through next season
Tuesday Flying Scott Races
Washington Sailing Marina 6:00
April 21 through October 20

June: 3 Cruising Boat Course
Land Class:
Wednesday June 3 (Chart Room)
Water Classes: 3 Sessions. Meet at F dock.
Saturday the 6th, 8:00 AM,
Friday evening the 12th, 6:00 PM,
Saturday the 13th, 8:00 AM.

13-14 Bay Raft Up (Leedís Creek)
17 Basic Sailing Class Series II
Land Classes: 4 sessions
Wednesday June 17, 8:00 PM (Afterdeck Cafe)
Monday June 22, 7:30 PM (Chart Room)
Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 PM (Chart Room)
Monday July 6, 7:30 PM (Chart Room)
Water Classes: 6 sessions,
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday & Sunday
4-hour sessions at either 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM each day.
Sessions are June 20, 21, 27, 28, July 11, 12

July: 3-5 Fourth of July Bay Raft-Up to Lenís dock in Solomons
4 Social Event at Len Zuzafa cottage in Solomons
18 Capsize Course Series I
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
18 Cookout/Picnic
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday, 4:00 PM
25 Basic Sailing Checkout Series II
Washington Sailing Marina

August: 8-9 Bay Raft-Up (TBD)
15 Capsize Course Series II
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
15 Crab Feast
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday, 4:00 PM
26 Intermediate Sailing Class
Land Classes: 2 Sessions
Wednesday, August 26 (Chart Room)
Monday, August 31 (Chart Room)
Water Sessions: 2 Sessions, Self-Instructioned
Saturday, August 29, 8:00 AM to 12:00
Saturday, September 5, 8:00 to 12:00

September:
4-7 Labor Day Down the River Raft Up
4-7 Labor Day Bay Raft-Up
12 Leukemia Cup
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday
16 Bay & Coastal Navigation
Land Class, Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 PM (Afterdeck Cafe)

26 Water Session, Saturday, September 19, Chesapeake Bay
Also-Ran Regatta & Picnic
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday
October: 3 Camp Letts Bay Rendezvous
Camp Letts, 3 days starting Friday the 3rd
17 Fall Maintenance Day
Washington Sailing Marina, Saturday
24 Halloween Party
Saturday
22 Last Social Sail for 1998
29 Social No-Sail begins, Potowmack Landing bar
November: 13 (Friday!)Hail & Farewell, Fort Myer Officerís Club,
December: 6 Holiday Raft-Up, The Colonies, 5:00 PM