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

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### May Speaker:

LT Matt White, USCG Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs will give us a presentation on Search and Rescue. We will also have videos from some of their operations playing during the social hour. Matt will also field our questions on topics other than SAR.

### Commodore's Log

Spring has arrived! Once again, the docks are bustling with activity as the Marina comes alive. This past weekend, everywhere you looked, people were loading boats in or out of the water. It's a good time of the year. The winds are strong, the weather clearing, and the temperatures warming. Can you tell I'm just a bit tired of winter?

This past week, the first Thursday Evening Social Sail took place. Well attended, many folks enjoyed a fine repast of sandwiches, courtesy of Tina Daberkow, our River Director. Due to repairs taking place on two of the three Flying Scots centerboards, just Susie Q was in the water, but by the time you read this, all three Flying Scots will once again be available, thanks to the diligent efforts of Stu Robinson and his crew of SCOW volunteers. On Thursday evenings, come on down!

Speaking of volunteers, this past weekend saw a very successful Spring Maintenance Day. Many, many SCOW stalwarts turned out under the very able leadership of Tom LeBrun, Maintenance Director, to scrub, inventory, repair, and otherwise make shipshape the SCOW Fleet. That afternoon, a fine picnic, organized by Bill Clark, Social Director, took place. After a day of working on boats, the food was much appreciated! Many thanks to all who helped.

This month there will be a Memorial Day Weekend Cruise organized by our Bay Director, Jack Schwartz, to Mike Geisinger's Cottage on the lower Potomac. This will be combined with a picnic at said Cottage for those who wish to join up just for the day via land. Also, haven't checked out on one of the Flying Scots yet? Give Shelby Shoop, our Skipper Coordinator a call. Coming up on May 23rd, we'll have a Skipper Checkout Day down at the Marina. Be sure to RSVP with Shelby if you wish to checkout. That same day, we'll have a Picnic down at the Marina starting at 1:00. Come down to eat good food, and congratulate the new skippers! Don't know how to sail yet? Talk with Jason Stevens, SCOW's Training Director. He'll be glad to fill you in on what classes are available, as well as other resources for learning how to sail. Finally, if you haven't re-upped your membership yet, be sure to send in your renewal to Sandy Clover, our Club's Secretary, she loves a full mailbox!

Fair Winds. Thom Unger

## **From the Secretary**

### **Is This Your Last Issue?**

If you haven't renewed your SCOW membership, this will be your last newsletter. Please check your mailing label. If it says "Member 1999 season", then you're all set. If, on the other hand, it says "Last newsletter...", you need to send in your dues. And don't forget to include your signed renewal application and check. Can't find your renewal (or didn't receive one)? Not a problem, contact Sandy and she'll send you a duplicate. If you think there has been a mistake in your membership status, please contact Sandy Clover.

New Members Welcome to SCOW! John Anderson, Renee Boudreau, Ashley Burt, Pamela Clifford, Lisa Cooper, Margot Cornwell, Danny Dukes, Dusty Dukes, Aryeh Fishman, Debra Garretson, Giovanni Giovannelli, Miky Johnston, Mark Kennedy, Julie Luetjen, Matt Luetjen, Brad Mudgett, Bobbi Phillips, Elena Quinteros, Charles RedDoor, Victoria Rosenthal, Jim Sturdevant

## **River Activities**

### **Tina Daberkow**

Spring is here, which mean the sailing season has begun. What does that mean for River Activities? It means Flying Scot Races every Tuesday night, Social Sails every Thursday night and a few river raft-ups through out the coming months.

Our first Potomac River Raft up will be May 15th & 16th. I am currently looking for cruising boat skippers and any crew who would like to take the club cruising boats out for the first 1999 river raft-up. I would also invite any and all others with their on boats to join us. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in participating in the raft up so that we can plan the trip and anchorage location for the evening of the 15th.

The Flying Scot Races are held each Tuesday evening, weather permitting. Any one can come down and try their hand at racing. We meet at the small boat docks and put as many of the flying scots in the water as possible depending on the number of people and skippers available. The official start time is 6:30 but the earlier you can get there the more races can be run.

Every Thursday night, weather permitting, is the SCOW Social Sail. The goal is to give everyone who is interested a chance to get out on a sail boat. We do this by have a sign-up sheet and taking names on a first come first serve bases. And while you are waiting for your chance to get out on a boat we usually have some type of food and drink. Again the official start time is 6:30 but the earlier you get there the better chance you'll have to get out on the water.

As with any club the various events such the racing or social sail can not be a success without the help of volunteers. For the racing I need to have a few people who would be willing to run the

race, which means set the course for the evening and call the race. For Social Sail, I need at least 2 people each week, one to serve as our host or hostess for the evening and one to serve as dockmaster.

The duties of the host would be to plan and organize the food and drink for the evening. This can be done by a single person, shared by 2 or even split among a few. The food and drink for the evening is completely up to the discretion of the host(s). It can be as simple or fancy as you want. In the past the fare has been anywhere from cold cuts and rolls for sandwiches; hotdogs and hamburgers; homemade fried chicken and potato salad; to piella and baklava. You are reimbursed for the cost of all of the food, drink and supplies needed for the evening. The dockmaster has the duty of taking care of the sign-up sheet. You would take the names of those interested in getting a chance to go out on a boat and then assigning skippers and crew to each boat.

There are a lot of Thursdays through out the whole season and as a result a lot of possibilities to volunteer. If everyone in the club would commit to helping at least once during the season it would make life work for all. If you are interested in volunteering for either host or dockmaster duties for one of the many evenings through out the season please contact me.

Early Bird Cruise Jack Schwartz The forecast was for 20 knot westerlies, so Ted Schad's Morgan 38, Dulcinea, was set with the small genoa and a reef in her main. The knotmeter hit 7.5 knots at one point. By the time we passed Thomas Point Light, the winds were moderating and the crew (Jerry Seinwell, Jerry Harper and myself) shook out the reef. The wind continued to drop, as did our speed. Around 4:00, near Poplar island (what is left of it), we realized that we would be very late getting in to Hudson Creek. Since no other boats had planned to participate in this Early Bird Cruise, we elected to take a shortcut through Knapps narrows and anchored in Dunn Cove. The clouds gave way to sun and a beautiful clear evening. Sea stories were exchanged around venison sausage appetizers, while chief cook Seinwell prepared a wonderful chili dinner. After a somewhat musical evening, we weighed anchor around 8:00 am. We chose not to go through the Narrows, a decision we started to regret around noon, when we hadn't yet cleared Black Walnut Point. Skys were cloudy but we avoided all but a dozen or so raindrops. As the afternoon wore on, the northwesterly winds picked up, as did our speed. When we reached Annapolis, we had hit 7.4 on the knotmeter and finished the day with an average speed of almost 5 knots (impressive, considering the many hours spent at 2 knots). All in all, a great way to inaugurate Dulcinea's sailing season and SCOWs Bay Cruise schedule.

## **Bay Activities**

### **Jack Schwartz**

On the May 8th we are planning a Bay Day Sail. I'm looking for skippers to volunteer to take some members out on their boats for a day on the Bay. This is a good chance to check out crew for longer trips. Interested skippers or crew: please call or email me so I can get boats and crew together (hopefully).

For Memorial Day weekend, we are planning a joint land/sea rendezvous at Mike Geissinger's cottage on the Coan River (Lower Potomac). Bruce Macmillan will be raftmaster. Tentative plans are to raft up on Saturday at St. Inigoes Creek. Sunday provides for a quick sail to Mike's, where we can have a SCOW picnic with opportunities for members to arrive by land or water. Monday, boats head back to their home ports (or extend this into a week-long cruise; call Bruce if interested).

By land: The two ways to get to The Cottage are:

(1) Take Rt. 95 south to Fredericksburg and go east on Route 3.

(2) Take Route 301 south to Route 3 East.

About 2 miles east of Montross Route 202 will bear off to the left. Mark May's Ford dealership is at the corner. Take Route 202 to Callao. At Callao take Route 360. About 1 mi. east of Callao beyond the Moose Lodge on your right, you will see VA State Route #624 (Lewissetta Road) going off to the left, Take it. In about 4 to 4.5 miles, VA State Route #745 (Doctors Point Road) will intersect only on the right, Take it. "Road ends 1.0 miles." Our cottage is 3/4 of a mile on the right. Two driveways before ours on the right there is a wooden sign, "McCann." The driveway before ours has a half buried rowboat with flowers in it beside the drive. Our drive is next, flanked by reflectors and a Yellow sign, "The Cottage." There is a Gnome with a Teapot guarding the driveway. Look for a yellow cottage. If you get to a sign that says "Johnstons" you have gone one driveway too far.

By sea: Enter the Coan River at Lewissetta, heading 270 degrees. Two red marks, Fl Red #8 and farther along, R #6. Stay to the right of Red #6. The reason for the "red left" at the second mark is that the red mark marks the channel for the Coan River, not The Glebe...Farther along the green marker is privately maintained but keep it to port. Make the "esse" turn and stay in the middle of the Glebe...After turn the second cove, on your starboard is Cralle Cove ("cray-lee)...

Mike will monitor Channel 16 for hailing...Cottage is at 37-59.65N, 76-29.9W Cottage Telephone (804) 529-7540

## **Social Activities**

### **Bill Clark, Jr.**

Warm sunshine and a cool breeze combined to make a perfect day for our Maintenance Day picnic. Thanks to all of the members who helped create a fun and relaxing afternoon at the marina. May is also filled with fun food related gatherings. The first of which is the Checkout Day Picnic on Sunday, May 23. It will take place at the marina picnic grove from 1-4pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend and if you'd like to bring a dish. A donation of \$8.00 is requested from those not bringing a dish. Naturally, help with set-up and clean-up are requested. Most importantly, I'd like to have two people to share the grilling chores. We will supply you with a lovely SCOW apron, the talk of this summer's fashion scene. Our second activity in May will be a potluck picnic on Sunday, May 29. Yes, that is Memorial Day weekend and you don't

have to work the following day! the feasting will begin at 1pm at Mike Geissinger's place, in conjunction with the Memorial Day Raft-up. Bring a dish! to share and a campfire story to tell. Look for directions to Mike's place elsewhere in this issue of Channels.

## **Little Theatre of Alexandria**

### **Jerry Nothman**

This will be the 18th year that SCOW will be subscribed to the Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA). We have tentatively reserved the same 41 seats that we have in the current season for the 1999/2000 season. Here are the plays that will be presented in the coming season:

1999 July 1776. Musical comedy Sept Room Service, comedy Nov Hot L Baltimore, Dramatic Comedy 2000 Jan Something Afoot, Musical Comedy Feb Lettice and Lovage, Dramatic Comedy Apr She Stoops To Conquer, Classical Comedy Jun Joon Over Buffalo or Lend Me a Tenor

If you wish to participate, please let me have your check by the May meeting or in no case later than May 30th. as I will be out of the country for several weeks after that date. The price remains the same as last season. \$57 for all seven plays or \$56 if you skip the first play. Our tickets are for the first thursday night of the play and you may exchange your tickets for another performance for a service charge of \$3.

Make checks to Jerry Nothman, and mail to 2706 S. 9th St. Arlington, Va. 22204-2370. Questions? Jerry 703.920.2750/flyjerry@erols.com

## **Capital Yacht Club's Annual Blessing of the Fleet**

### **Stu Robinson**

Blessing of the Fleet will take place May 16th starting 1:00 p.m. Reviewing stand is located 600 Water Street. Point of contact is Capital YC 202-488-8110. I am hoping I can reserve one of the cruising boats for this. Its a lot of fun plus a great party at CYC afterwards.

### **For Sale Hobie One 14.**

Contact Larry Gemoets (sanlar@erols.com/703.478.2921) and he'll put you in touch with seller.

## **Club Calendar**

May

1 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00,WSM

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- 3 Board Meeting, Open to all. 7:30-9:30, Potowmack Landing, Chart Room
- 4 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, Washington Sailing Marina
- 5 Basic Sailing Class, Series I Land Class, 7:30-10, Potowmack Landing, Chart Rm
- 5 PRSA Big Boat Races begin, 6PM, WSM
- 6 Thursday Night Social Sail, 6:30 PM - dark, Washington Sailing Marina
- 8 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM Bay Day Sail
- 9 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM,
- 10 Membership Meeting Social Hour - 6:30, Program & Meeting - 7:30, American Legion Hall, Alexandria
- 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, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 15-16 1st River Raft-up 15 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM
- 16 Basic Sailing Series I, Water Session, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM
- 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, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 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, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise to Mike Geisinger's Cottage, lower Potomac
- 29-30 PRSA Spring Regatta, Washington Sailing Marina

## June

- 1 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, Washington Sailing Marina
- 2 Basic Sailing Series II, Land Class, 7:30-10:00, Potowmack Landing Chart Room
- 2 Cruising Boat Class, Land Class, 7:30-10:00, WSM
- 3 Thursday Night Social Sail, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 5 Basic Sailing Series II, Water Sessions, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM
- 5 Cruising Boat Class, Water Sessions, 8 AM, WSM 5 Bay Day Sail
- 6 Basic Sailing Series II, Water Sessions, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00
- 7 Board Meeting, Open to all. 7:30-9:30, Potowmack Landing, Chart Room
- 8 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, Washington Sailing Marina
- 9 Basic Sailing Series II, Land Class, 7:30-10:00, Potowmack Landing Chart Room
- 10 Thursday Night Social Sail, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 11-13 Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival 11 Cruising Boat Class, Water Sessions, 6PM, WSM
- 12 Cruising Boat Class, Water Sessions, 8AM, WSM
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- 13 Basic Sailing Series II, Water Sessions, 8:30 -12:30 or 1:00-5:00, WSM
- 14 Membership Meeting American Legion Hall, Alexandria, Social Hour - 6:30, Program & Meeting - 7:30
- 15 Tuesday Night Flying Scot, 6PM- dark, Washington Sailing Marina
- 16 Basic Sailing Series II, Land Class, 8:00-10:00, Potowmack Landing Afterdeck Café
- 17 Thursday Night Social Sail, 6:30 PM - dark, WSM
- 19-20 New Member Cruise, location TBA
- 19 New Member Picnic/ Summer Solstice Event, 4:30 PM, WSM

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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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