
CHANNELS -- SPECIAL E-MAIL EDITION

November 1998

November Meeting

No speaker, but be there to put your two cents in during our annual Members Only meeting. "By the end of the evening we will have a new board-elect, and officers-elect, and they will all be at the meeting to hear your ideas, your wishes, your visions".

Commodore's Log

Stuart Ullman

There is no speaker at November Member meetings; veterans of past Novembers know that we have a different purpose this month. The meeting is open only to SCOW members. This month we look ahead. This is our election meeting, and our year review. The current board still holds all the offices, and if you have suggestions for the last few thin months of this year, we will happily listen to them. But this year is almost finished, and this meeting's special focus is what we hope for next year, not what is left of this one. By the end of the evening we will have a new board-elect, and officers-elect, and they will all be at the meeting to hear your ideas, your wishes, your visions. And since I have this place to myself, I think I'll start the discussion with my own daydreams.

What I want for next year is this: weather. Not `good' weather; I'm not sure I understand what that means. I know what bad weather is: hot, humid, windless. But pretty much everything else seems good to me. So that's it, that's what I want next year: pretty much every kind of weather but hot and windless. I know we can't eliminate the July lull; we'll deal with Summer as well as we can, and hope for a few cool days. But for the rest, let's have real weather. Let's have Winter, instead of six months of tepid damp. I'd like a little snow in the early months, some ice on the river. We haven't had that for a while. I want to head for the Marina with my thermals on. And when that's done, let's have Spring absolutely. A good, solid, long spring, with a blowy wet March, dark and terrible, a relieving April, and a May that makes the whole Universe fresh again, and a June that we can breathe in, and run in, and sail in. And all this time the wind will clean the ground and push us, veer and back and kick the sails, and surprise us. And the rains will flush the river out, and the bay too; there will be high cold tides over the sea wall. And then July and August--here I hope for kind weather. Hot is good from time to time. It's an opportunity for water fights and other horseplay. But keep a little breeze around to play with.

And then my favorite time, finally. A great time to sail. When I said before that year was almost finished, I didn't mean we couldn't sail! No, we're not abandoning the boats completely, not yet--not ever, really. I sail in every month, and I like the late months best. You all know this by now,

I'm sure, and are tired of hearing it. It's true though. The wind is good late in the year. The smells are good. Clean, cold smells, and the water is less crowded. The people on the water in the fall mean to be here; they're not just here to get a tan. And the fall evenings are plain beautiful, with red clouds in the skies, and red leaves all across the horizon, and even spotting the river. But I want a fall storm or two next year. Nothing drastic, I don't want to damage anything. Just a little excitement, OK? A bit of a finale before the days recede and Winter takes us back inside.

So, SCOW Board of 1999, that's what I want for next year. Get on that right away, will you?

Hail & Farewell

November 13, 1998

This year's Hail & Farewell planning is promising a night you won't want to miss. This black-tie-celebration of the outgoing and incoming Boards of Directors is Friday, November 13, at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, in Arlington, VA. You may already be too late to get your RSVP check in the mail to Francie Stevens by November 6, so bring it to the November Member Meeting on Monday, the 9th! Melinda Miller will be accepting payment and recording names of attendees. Don't delay! November 9th is the cut-off date for all RSVPs!

The details: 13 November 1998, 7:00 - midnight \$25 per person (dates do not have to be SCOW members) Fort Myer Officers' Club (directions below) Although formal dress is encouraged, don't let that keep you at home! Just throw on your best dress or suit and join us for the fun.

The directions: to Fort Myer (located adjacent to Arlington Cemetery)

From Washington, DC: Cross 14th Street Bridge and follow I-395 south to the Washington Blvd/Route 27 exit (8B). Follow Washington Blvd. to exit sign to Fort Myer. Enter the fort (Hatfield Gate) and ask for Officers' Club. Or, take Route 50 West across Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and bear right immediately to exit at Rosslyn. Make first left on Fort Myer Drive, which turns to Mead after crossing Route 50, and proceed to stop sign, where a right (on Marshall) will lead to the entrance. Proceed 0.6 mile to Officers' Club and parking is on the right.

From Northern Maryland Suburbs: Take I-495 west to Geo. Washington Parkway south. Exit at Key Bridge and make a left at the traffic light (Fort Myer Drive). Proceed straight, where it turns into Mead after crossing over Route 50. A right at the stop sign (Marshall) will lead to the entrance. Drive straight ahead for 0.6 mile to Officers' Club and parking is on the right.

From Alexandria and Southern Maryland Suburbs: Take Geo. Washington Pkwy north to Route 50 exit by Memorial Bridge. Exit Route 50 at Rosslyn and make first left on Fort Myer Drive. Proceed as above.

From South or West Suburbs in Virginia: Traveling north on I-395, take exit 8A Washington Blvd/Fort Myer. Bear left onto Washington Blvd., and take the 3rd exit (1/2 mile) to Ft. Myer. Enter the fort at the Hatfield Gate and ask for Officers' Club. Traveling east on I-66, take the Pentagon/Hwy 110 exit right after Key Bridge. Immediately watch for the first (sharp) exit,

Marshall Drive. Go past entrance and to Officer's Club as above. Traveling east on Rout 50, make a right at the light on Pershing Drive after passing Washington Blvd. Turn right at the Henry Gate and ask for Officers' Club.

Maintenance

Monica Maynard

We had a beautiful, clear and sunny fall day for our maintenance day on Saturday, October 17. Lots of energetic volunteers came, willing to work, and did a great job! Joining in on the fall maintenance day efforts were: Heather Spurlock Stu Robinson Karen Hurd Bill Bernhards Sandy Clover Larry Gemoets Mark Murray Wilson Varga Jane Farthing Chris Farthing Tom Lebrun Dick Dyer Barby Ullman Stuart Ullman Thom Unger Jason Stevens David Wolfe Dan McClafferty David Scheuermann Andrew Scheuermann Jim Metcalf Shelby Shoop Meg Carter Jay Weitzel Elizabeth Bruening Bob Bruening Ben Fulton Paul Carrow Chuck Hollister Ruth Connolly.

And all of you who missed putting your names on the sign-in sheet!

I would like to extend special thanks to Stu Robinson who headed up our efforts to make the Flying Scots ship shape, to Stuart Ullman and Thom Unger who did the same for our cruising boats.

Thanks to all of you for making ourt maintenance day a great success!

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Bruening

On behalf of the Nominating Committee I wish to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve on the 1999 SCOW Board of Directors. We have a strong slate of dedicated and enthusiastic people with a wide variety of skills and experience.

Biographical information and statements by the candidates, along with a ballot were sent to each member. Ballots need to be mailed so that they reach the SCOW post office box no later than November 9.

You may also bring your ballot and envelope with you to the Annual Meeting on November 9. Voting will end at 8:00 p.m. Votes will be counted and results announced at the end of the meeting. The Candidates for the 1999 SCOW Board of Directors are:

Officers

Commodore--Thomas Unger; Vice-Commodore--Monica Maynard; Secretary--Sandy Clover; Treasurer--Robert Bruening;

Directors

Bill Clark, Tina Daberkow, Susan Kaufman, Thomas LeBrun, Jack Schwartz, Shelby Shoop, Jason Stevens, Donna Thurber.

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