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## CHANNELS -- SPECIAL E-MAIL EDITION

November 1999

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### Commodore's Log

Fall has arrived. The leaves are changing colors. The air, while not yet cold, has a bit more "bite" to it. The sailing season is winding down. The last social sail of the season has been held. Daylight savings has ended. What does this mean? Time for elections!

Please take a moment to fill out the ballot you should have received in the mail. Either mail it back, or return it at the November Monthly Member Meeting. This meeting, by the way, is the one event each year restricted to club members only. Come on down and congratulate the newly elected board members! Also, bring along your constructive suggestions for improving the organization, as this has traditionally been a meeting for reconnoitering.

What else does the season change mean? Prime time for SCOW's social season!

The Hail & Farewell Banquet and Party takes place November 13th. This is SCOW's annual event to thank the outgoing board members and to welcome the new. It's always a fun time, with a chance to see our fellow sailors wearing something slightly more formal than a pair of jeans and a torn T-shirt. Good food, good dancing, and good company, what more could one ask for?

The Holiday Raft-Up is coming up on December 5th. This event, held at the Colonies, is a chance to enjoy some holiday cheer, not to mention some excellent food, with fellow club members. For details on both events, see elsewhere in this newsletter.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I give thanks for all the wonderful members of SCOW that I am privileged to know. May you all have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving, with much good food and cheer for all.

### November Member Meeting

During November, SCOW holds a members-only meeting at which the new board is elected. Instead of a formal program, SCOW members use this meeting to discuss ideas for consideration next year. The new officers have a chance to hear what's on your mind, and will take these ideas to their planning session in January. Board member reports will be given as usual, and it's also your chance to sign up for the Hail & Farewell and Holiday pot-luck events. Come one member, come all members - and bring your checkbooks!

## **Wanted: The VOICE of SCOW!**

### **RJ Bruening**

Do you have a pleasant telephone voice? Would you like to help the club without leaving your home? SCOW needs a "voice" to record new messages on the hot line, check for new messages, and refer message contents to the proper persons in the club. To audition for this job (that's a fancy word for volunteer), please call 202-628-SAIL, and press 4 for the audition line. (There will be no prompt for this line, just press 4 before you hear the "tone to leave a message"). Call from the telephone you would use. There is a big difference in quality of the sound from telephones. Leave your name and phone number, and read a bit of ChaNNels into the telephone, or anything else you have on hand, so we can get a feel for how your telephone sounds. I'm sure we'll have lots of candidates, so be patient with us while we weed through the applicants!

## **Hail & Farewell Fast Approaches! November 13**

You've read the articles, e-mails and flyers. How much reminding do you need? Well, once more couldn't hurt....

SCOW's Hail & Farewell is a grand party held every year in honor of the outgoing and incoming boards of directors and gracious volunteers who've selflessly contributed their time and talents over the year - and the millennium.

While tuxes and sequins are encouraged, they are definitely not required. This is just a fancier-than-usual gathering with the same friends you've seen all year at the marina. Wear any garb you'd put on for a special evening out.

The party begins at 7:00 with a cash bar and mingling. The buffet opens at 7:45, and the program will begin around 9:00. After that, there's dancing with music provided by RadioPro DeeJays until midnight.

The final details:

Saturday, November 13 Fort Myer Officers Club, the Abrams & Chaffee Room (directions below) 7:00 pm - midnight \$30 per person

Send your checks Make them payable to SCOW,

and send them to:

Mary & Alain Bashore 12498 Sweet Leaf Terr. Fairfax, VA 22033-2460. (Include the name of your date, too, because we use this list to make place cards.)

The cutoff for reservations is November 8, at the member meeting.

If you'd like more information, please call Denise Malueg at 703-683-2088.

## Directions to Fort Myer (next to Arlington Cemetery)

From Washington, DC: Cross 14th Street Bridge and follow 1-395 south to the Washington Blvd/Rt. 27 exit (8B). Follow Washington Blvd. to exit sign to Fort Myer. Enter the fort (Hatfield Gate) and ask for Officer's Club. Or; take Rt. 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 miles to Officer's Club. Parking is on the right.

From Northern Maryland Suburbs: Take 1-495 west to 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 Officer's Club and parking is on the right.

From Alexandria and Southern Maryland Suburbs: Take George 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 (or east) on 1-95/395, 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 Officer's Club. Traveling east on 1-66, 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 Route 50, make a right at the light on Pershing Drive after passing Washington Blvd. Turn right at the Henry Gate and ask for Officer's Club.

## **Social Wrap-Up Bill Clark, Jr.**

We are nearing the end of another great year for SCOW. Now comes the time to reflect on the gifts of friendship and fair winds we have been given this year. It is also the time to dance and eat ourselves silly! To this end, the organization of the Holiday Raftup has begun. Betsy Troeder, who was temporarily transplanted to Scotland these last two years, has returned with a new degree in landscape architecture and the same fervor she's always had. I appreciate her volunteering to chair one of SCOW's most popular events, and I know she's looking forward to seeing her old SCOW friends at the raftup.

I'd also like to thank all of the members and their friends who have volunteered to make this a successful social season. Please continue to support the new Social Director in the same way. A special acknowledgement goes to the Board for all of the advice and expertise they have shared with me this year. Have Fun!

## **Holiday Raftup**

Once again the winter holiday season is upon us! And as always, the SCOW Holiday Raftup will be held shore-side where festive clothing replaces foul weather gear, galley cooking is replaced by a more elegant look, and the reds and greens of port and starboard take on an alternative

meaning. It's also when SCOW members who don't regularly attend SCOW events come to renew friendships and begin the winter activities with us. It's usually one of the best attended SCOW events and looked forward to by all! Here are the details:

When: December 5, 1999 Where: The Colonies of McLean Old Meadow Road McLean, VA 22102 Time: Beginning at 5:30 PM Cost: Your favorite cooked dish (Ok... If you can't cook, a store-bought delicacy will be accepted) \* Plan to serve 10 or so RSVP: Betsy Troeder, (703) 933-1638 or [etroeder@aol.com](mailto:etroeder@aol.com)

SCOW will provide a baked ham as well as drinks, but as not everyone eats ham, alternative main dishes will be appreciated. Other considerations are appetizers, vegetable dishes, casseroles, and desserts. At the November meeting I'll pass around a sheet of paper to record the dish you plan to bring to the holiday dinner. This way we can see what each other is bringing and attempt to balance out the courses. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please either call or email me to let me know what you expect to bring (again, so we can balance things out!).

December 5th is also the 3rd night of Chanukah, so we'll have a Menorah on hand. If you would like to light the candles with me, please let me know prior to the evening (if possible) so that I know to find you (since there will be so many people at the dinner, if I don't know to look for you, you might miss it!).

That's all for now. More details to follow at the November (election) meeting! See y'all there!

## **Bay Activities**

### **Jack Schwartz**

Well, the weather is cooling off, but the winds are great and it is a fine time for some brisk Autumn sailing. At this writing, BJ & Bruce McMillian have embarked on a 2-week cruise of the lower Bay on At Last II. Many SCOW members have benefited from their generous invitations for day and weekend sails aboard their catamaran this summer. We're all envious of them!

No other scheduled raftups for the remainder of this year, but remember, any nice day can be a SCOW Bay Day Sail! Skippers who call me will be rewarded with a full complement of eager crew members with whom to share a sail.

I will be sailing Odyssey north to Bert Jabin's Boat Yard sometime around November 20 (give or take a week, depending on weather). Should be some brisk sailing! Experienced crew interested in joining this trip can contact me. (Those allergic to dogs need not apply.)

In next month's article, I look forward to sharing a review of the Oct 23 Fowl Weather Cruise to Leadenham Creek organized by Allan Lewis.

Editor's note: The below listing appears with only one tab between 'columns' so you can cut and paste for proper format if you like.

## **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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