

Commodore's Log

There are times when I wonder why I have remained involved with SCOW since 1968 since I consider myself a "congenital non-joiner." I'm uncomfortable with groupthink, love pointing out when the emperor is naked, and exercise less restraint in dealing with disagreement than I should (I'm working on it). And then an event comes along like the Leukemia Cup Regatta that reminds me of the reason why I remain involved with SCOW and that is the warmth, generosity, and open heartedness of its members.

Several members stand-out in getting club members involved in both fundraising and racing. Leading the effort is Genie Williford, our Racing Director. Genie did a terrific job of organizing club skippers even though she was going to be racing on another boat. We launched all three Flying Scots and won the class. Doug Kelch came "prepared to win" and took class honors; John Rogers came in second. Rebecca did well in her races, too. Crewed by Jan Earle, Dorothy Stocks, and Evie Banda, Rebecca finished 8th in their 20-boat fleet. No small feat for a new group of skippers! Henry Yung won his class and Steve Deatherage took third as did Dale Eager. Congratulations to all.

But I am not the Racing Director of SCOW

(even though my sail-trim skills could benefit from a heavy dose of racing), I am the Commodore and am more interested in what our members did as a club and for the club. As a club, we became energized to support a very worthwhile cause, Leukemia research. In support of that goal, we had the five skippers who collected more money than any other boat, but we also had more SCOW members participate in the event than in previous years and collect more money than ever before. Even more importantly, the fun that all participants had became contagious and is building up a groundswell of support for next year's regatta. So how does this help SCOW as a club? This enthusiasm will add to the excitement and energy in SCOW over coming months as we wrap up the 2004 sailing season and look forward (later in the year) to preparing for another year on the water in 2005.

This is why I stay involved in SCOW. Not only are members fun to do things with, but they also have the right values and want to return to the community some of what they have received. Thanks to one and all for making SCOW participation in the Leukemia Cup Regatta so successful!

Fair Winds!

Commodore Len Zuza

Next Membership Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2004

The November membership meeting will be on Monday, November 8, at the American Legion, 400 Cameron Street, Old Town Alexandria (around the corner from Gadsby's Tavern). Socializing begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. As required by our by-laws, this will be the official Annual Membership Meeting, held to elect officers and conduct other club business. Members will receive a ballot by mail with the candidates and election procedures. Return your ballot by mail or bring it to the meeting - but remember the polls close at 8:00 pm. We will also vote on changes to our bylaws at the meeting. Those will be posted shortly on the SCOW web page for you to review. Traditionally, instead of a speaker in November, we open the floor to allow members to make suggestions or complaints for the good of the club. These always help the new Board develop program ideas for the following year, so come prepared not just with your ballots but with your ideas to improve the club! Finally, SCOW does NOT have a monthly meeting in December. Our monthly membership meetings resume on the second Monday in January.

SOCIAL NEWS

Gerri Hanna

Please come to the Hail and Farewell Party on November 13, 2004 at Potowmack Landing to celebrate the sailing year and incoming Board of Directors. Davis DeeJays will be playing the "tunes" and the Committee is in the process of finalizing the menu! We can accommodate one hundred people and have twenty reservations as of September 20th. Please reserve your space now by emailing social@scow.org. We are looking forward to a good time. Invitations will be available early October via email.

A big thank you for all of the chefs, co-chefs and dockmasters that volunteered during the social sail season on Thursday nights. It is not easy to feed forty people, set up and clean up and not even get on a "sail" for the evening. These are devoted volunteers that serve our club and a big round of applause for everyone that assisted. Don't forget our last outing is October 7, 2004.

NOTES FROM THE BOAT YARD

John Roland, Maintenance Director

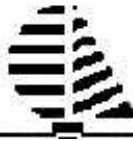
Fleet Status

All boats are in operation. Next time you see Jan Earle give her a big "thank you." Jan collected a team of helpers and took Psycho to Fort Washington Marina on September 24 to repair her centerboard lifting cable.

On-going and Upcoming Projects

Mark your calendars, Fall Maintenance day is coming up soon. Saturday October 16 from 09:00 a.m. to whenever. Gather around the small boat docks at WSM and we'll break up into teams and get started. Most of the boats have minor issues to work on, we'll drop the masts on the scots to check the rigging and repair the wind indicators. I'd like to get the trailers checked out and adjusted to fit the boats properly, some of the bunk boards are loose and poorly fitted. We'll do a gear check and inventory on all the boats and other minor repairs as needed. No experience is needed and everyone is welcome. We generally have a great time fixing those minor problems, socializing and having a mid-day pizza break.

For more information, contact maintenance@scow.org



Bylaw Revisions And Club Policies

As noted in last month's edition of ChaNNels, a committee has been preparing suggested revisions to the Bylaws. As required by the Bylaws, all members are advised that we will be voting on those changes at the November membership meeting. Following the October Board meeting, the proposed changes will be posted on the SCOW website for all members to review in advance of the meeting.

ChaNNels

can also be read at:

www.scow.org.

Submit articles to

channels@scow.org

by one week after the monthly meeting. Use any means, but email is preferred. If you would like a copy of the 2004 ChaNNels editorial calendar, please request via email to channels@scow.org or in-person at the next meeting.

*Chris Chubb, Layout Editor
Monika O'Connor, Mailing Lists*

SCOW RACING

Genie Williford

I look back with lots of pleasure on this summer's racing because of the great spirit of cooperation and camaraderie of all the SCOW members who participated in our racing activities. Your enthusiasm for the sport whether you were an old salt or a newbie crew member was infectious and made it easy for me to promote our racing activities to both new and old members alike.

Despite the challenges of keeping two big boats racing each week in the Tuesday night DISC series, and getting more organized with the Flying Scot racing program, our participation grew this year and all in all it has been a great racing season. Best of all I think everyone has had fun! We didn't call it *Tuesday night fun* racing for nothing.

While the "big boats" continue to race into October with DISC, our Flying Scot races officially ended with the Leukemia Cup Regatta. But what a way to end! Many thanks to Jan Earle's team for racing our cruiser Rebecca, and raising a small boatload of money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jan's "chick boat" (to coin a term used by a friend of mine to describe an all-woman crew boat) finished eighth overall among twenty boats in their class in the regatta. Way to go ladies!

This year our Flying Scots had more competition than in past year for their two-day regatta, in association with the Leukemia Cup and still our boats and their teams came home winners! A special thanks to John Rogers who raised the most money among the Flying Scot competitors for the Leukemia Cup and who came in second overall in the regatta. Congratulations to Doug Kelch and his team who finished first among the six boats competing. Thanks also to Jim Wright for his fundraising efforts and participation, as well as to our skippers who came out to race the second day, David Johnson and Jan Earle. Their participation helped us to cement our winning scores, allowing us to come home with First and Second place recognition overall for SCOW in the regatta. SCOW now has a First Place Flying Scot Trophy which you we hope you will soon see on display in the Potowmack Landing Restaurant Showcase. Thanks to the many SCOW members who gave generous donations in general to help sponsor our boats taking part in the regatta.

I hope that all of you who were able to join us this season, enjoyed the fun competition and that you will be back next spring with your new SCOW racing director to continue the fun.

Happy Sailing,
Genie Williford
SCOW Racing 2004

FOWL WEATHER RAFT-UP

Allan Lewis

SCOW will once again close out the sailing season with its annual Fowl Weather Raft-Up on the weekend of October 16 & 17. It's a great opportunity to watch the migrating geese and enjoy the fall colors. We will meet in Leadenham Creek, off of Broad Creek, which flows into the Choptank River from the north. This location is about midway between the north and south fleets, and Daylight Savings Time will still be in effect, so we are hoping that as many boats as possible are able to join up. I'd appreciate it if those skippers planning to attend would touch base beforehand so we have some idea of how many boats to expect. Also, for those who would like to crew, let me know and I will make your names available to those skippers who might be looking for crew. If you haven't already, please complete a crew registration form, which can be downloaded from the SCOW website (<http://www.scow.org/CrewingReg.pdf>), and mail to Hope Andruss (her address is on the form). My phone numbers are (301) 445-3397(H) and (202) 385-7297(O), and my e-mail is "allan.lewis@faa.gov". Hope to see you on the bay! Allan

2004 Board of Directors

Position	Name	Home	Work	E-mail
Commodore	Leonard Zuza	202.543.5443	202.543.2330	commodore@scow.org
Vice Commodore	Jay Weitzel	703.866.9190	703.205.3320	vice@scow.org
Secretary	Marie Rutledge	703.845.9838	703.761.0584	secretary@scow.org
Treasurer	Dorothy Stocks	703.521.0903	703.524.3147	treasurer@scow.org
Training Director	Jan Earle	202.249.0855	202.513.7667	training@scow.org
Maintenance Director	John Roland	703.368.9792	703.321.4614	maintenance@scow.org
Social Director	Gerri Hanna	703.216.3381		social@scow.org
Skipper Director	Karyl Owings	703.626.0823	703.234.0743	skipper@scow.org
River & Bay Director	Evie Banda	202.488.9649	202.862.5649	bay@scow.org
Racing Director	Genie Williford	703.765.4740	703.426.2172	race@scow.org
Other Key People				
New Members	Melissa Ennis	703.845.5764		info@scow.org
	Jeremy Spilker	703.494.7237		info@scow.org
Historian	Jane Farthing	301.972.2636		historian@scow.org
River Coordinator	Donna Cohen	202.965.1622	301.897.2684	river@scow.org
Database Administrator	Monika O'Connor	703.921.9262		dba@scow.org
Email Administrator	Jeff Teitel			postmaster@scow.org

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 (202.628.SAIL) or email info@scow.org or visit <http://www.scow.org>