
ChaNNels -- The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington

October 1999

October 11th Meeting

Carol Olsen from Comsat Communications will give a presentation and demo on INMARSAT C, which is Internet access for the small boat sailor.

Commodore's Log

Boo! Did I scare you? No? Oh darn! But 'tis the season of ghosts and goblins, and given that sailors tend to be a superstitious lot anyway... SCOW will be holding it's annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 23rd. It's being organized this year by Board member Tina Daberkow. If you're interested in helping out, please give her a call. Look elsewhere in Channels for the details.

Speaking of Board members, later this month you should be receiving your ballot for the upcoming SCOW elections for next year's Board of Directors. Remember, you can either mail the ballot back, or bring them to the November Monthly Meeting, but either way, please do take the time to vote. This is, after all, your Club, and who sits on the Board determines the direction and the level of activities that the Club as a whole will undertake.

On a different note, due to the increased interest in Racing activities, the current Board of Directors has asked Stuart Ullman to chair a committee on Racing to develop recommendations as to how the Club should deal with all the various issues involved with racing the Club boats. Also agreeing to serve on the committee are Jay Weitzel, Beverly Ashcraft, Joe DePoorter, and Monica Maynard. If you have suggestions for the committee, please feel free to either contact a committee member, or send email to "racing @scow.org".

As the leaves begin to turn color, autumn approaches. As such, the last Thursday Evening Social Sail of the season will take place on Oct. 7th. If you can, try to make it. Let's make the last Social Sail of the year an event to remember!

Fair winds and a ghostly good time to all.

Ahoy! Bay Sailors!

Jack Schwartz, Bay Director

The next Bay raftup is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend (October 9 - 11). The schedule is as follows: Saturday night in Mill Creek, off the Patuxent River, on the left, just past Point

Patience. Sunday night in Rollins Cove, on St. Leonard's Creek. Monday sail back to home ports. Since I have to work Friday night and Saturday, Odyssey will join the raftup only for Sunday night.

After that, plan on sailing with Allan Lewis for his Fowl Weather Cruise, October 23/24 - details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Skippers, remember that any day can be a Bay Day Sail--just call me and I will set you up with some willing and able SCOW crew to share a day on the Bay. It is a good way to try out crew for that next raftup!

Fowl Weather Cruise

Allan Lewis, Raftmaster

SCOW's annual Fowl Weather Raft-Up will be on the weekend of October 23 & 24. This event has become a great way to wind down the sailing season. Last year we chose Leadham Creek off the Choptank River because it enabled boats from both the north and south fleets to raft up. I thought we would meet there again this year, but I'm open to suggestions from skippers, just as long as boats from both ends of the bay can participate. Sign up sheets for skippers and prospective crew will be available at the October meeting, or just call me at (301)-445-3397(H). Come on out and enjoy the migrating water fowl, the fall colors, and your sometimes foul but always colorful sailing friends. Hope to see you there!

Get Your Costumes Ready!

Of course SCOW can't let October go by without a Halloween party. So come one, come all on Oct 23, 1999 for the last Halloween of the millennium. The festivities will get underway at 7:30 pm in the Party Room of the Park Tower Condominiums, 200 North Maple Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. A \$2 donation will be taken at the door to cover the cost of food and drink. Costumes are encouraged but not required. For more information or directions please call Tina Daberkow at 703/534-0742.

Directory Update

Sandy Clover, Secretary

As you may have already noticed, this month's issue of ChaNNels contains another directory update. This update covers ALL new members and changes received since the original directory went to press. That means this update replaces the first one.

All members/households should receive a hard copy of this issue even if you normally only get the e-mail version. If you don't receive it by the October meeting date, please let me know by sending a note to secretary @ scow.org.

Also, with elections coming up, it's very important that your address information be correct in the database. So please take a minute to review your directory information and send any additional updates to Sam Schaen at dba@scow.org.

Hail & Farewell November 13, 1999

SCOW's Hail and Farewell gala is our way of honoring this year's board of directors, welcoming the new board, and appreciating the good deeds volunteered by our members throughout the year. It takes many hours of service to keep SCOW sailing smoothly!

This black tie dinner & dance will be held at the Fort Myer Officers Club, in the Abrams & Chaffee room. We'll open the bar at 7:00, the buffet at 7:45, and turn out the lights at midnight. Plenty of hours to wine, dine, and well, okay, I've run out of rhymes, but you get the idea.

And now for the best part! the Board has generously decided to subsidize the event, so it is a bargain at \$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.

You may also reserve your space for the party at the October and November member meetings. Please note that we will not accept reservations later than the November meeting.

Music Requests?

Along with your reservation check, send your music requests! Got a special song for that special someone? The DJ has a huge music library for us to tap, so just ask!

Questions? For more information regarding the event, call Denise Malueg, 703-683-2088.

After the past two years, you may remember how to get to Fort Myer, but for those new to the Hail & Farewell scene, here they are again:

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.

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

Thursday Night Social Sail Washington Sailing Marina - 6:00, April 22nd - October 7th

Thursday Night Social No-Sail Location-TBA - 7:00, October 14th - April 2000

For information about club activities Call: 202.628.7245 (That's 628.SAIL) Visit us at: www.scow.org Write us: info@scow.org

Submissions to Channels: Submit articles to channels@scow.org by one week after the monthly meeting, Use any means, but email is preferred. Please! Just type or paste your articles into the body of an email message. We will format it for you. No Multiple tabs, No indents, No attachments, NO Kidding. Pony express, mail, etc are acceptable, but get it here (not just in the box) by deadline -ed.

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