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Racing Director Duties

1. To recommend revisions or updates to any parts of the Racing Policy that will enhance the sailing/racing experience of the club's members.
2. To recommend races to the Board in which SCOW members are authorized to use the club's boats (i.e., SCOW sanctioned races) and to develop the racing calendar at the beginning of the year.
3. To work with the Board of Directors to maintain a fair balance in the use of SCOW boats between those who wish to use the boats for racing and those who wish to use them for other purposes.
4. To reserve boats (Flying Scots and cruisers) to be used at club and SCOW sanctioned races.
5. To organize and run the Flying Scot races---which includes obtaining a mandatory Marine Event Permits from the Metropolitan Police Department's Harbor Unit for all SCOW run races and arranging a Race Committee. (Permits should be acquired early in the year, preferably in January or February, or at least over 30 days prior the event.)
6. To coordinate with the marina staff, the other Washington Sailing Marina (WSM) clubs, the Leukemia Society, and the Leukemia Cup Committee in the organization of the annual Leukemia Cup Regatta.
7. To allocate boats to qualified skippers following the lottery procedures for cruises and Flying Scots. (Ideally, boats should be allocated two weeks before a race or regatta and before each series.)
8. To oversee the participation by SCOW boats, skippers and crews in SCOW sanctioned races and ensure that the club's boats are not raced in events not authorized by the Board.

Flying Scot Racing

Program Goals

The Flying Scot races are intended to serve both as a training ground for those wishing to learn the rules and protocols of sailboat racing, and to assist skipper and crew in honing and developing their existing racing skills.

Schedule

At the beginning of the year, the Racing Director decides when and how Flying Scot racing will take place in the given year. This schedule should be followed as closely as possible, but it is up to the Racing Director to determine the pace and intensity of the program. While the Scot racing is to remain open to all, the Racing Director may include special training.

Pick-up Races

All crew who wish to race or learn to race are welcome to participate at the pick-up races organized on Wednesday nights between March and October. Boats are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and crew is selected at the docks. When there is an excess of crew, skippers are encouraged to rotate their crew throughout the evening, as weather and time permits, to allow as many interested members to participate as possible. Wednesday night races are conducted by the Scot skippers present or those assigned by the Racing Director.

Formal Racing Series

Through the spring and the fall, SCOW conducts formal racing series for those with some racing experience. A series consists of three days of races that are formally scored. Skippers, and ideally crews as well, remain the same through a given series. Playoffs are scheduled twice a year, in the spring and fall between the top boats from each



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season's series. The participants should sign up online for the event at least fifteen days prior to the first race in the series. Skippers applying for a club boat shall indicate their primary and secondary boat preferences during the online sign-up process. When there are more interested skippers than club boats, those who have not raced yet in the given season/year will have priority. If there are more skippers than boats, participants shall be selected by lottery. Boats should be allocated to skippers at least ten days before the beginning of a series. If allocation is not straightforward based on the skippers' preferences, then a lottery shall be conducted. In the series racing, an appointed Race Committee runs each race. Racing skippers are highly encouraged to support the racing program by serving on Race Committee during the season. In the event that the Racing Director is not able to attain a suitable Race Committee for a given day, races for that day will be cancelled.

Additional Club Races

Racing Director may propose and organize additional club races at his/her discretion. These events require the approval of the Board and a Marine Event Permit from the Metropolitan Police Department.

General Rules for Participating in SCOW Sanctioned Races

If otherwise not specified, the general rules of attending SCOW sanctioned races are as follows:

1. When racing SCOW boats, a certified Scot skipper must always be on board.
2. Only SCOW members will be allowed to crew on SCOW club owned boats. There will be no exceptions to this policy. For the purpose of this policy, a membership is considered complete when all documents and fees have been received by SCOW.
3. SCOW members who skipper their own privately-owned boat have sole discretion regarding the crew that sails on their boat. There is no SCOW policy that precludes non-members from crewing on a privately-owned boat, owned and skippered by a SCOW member.

Cruising Boat Racing

SCOW sanctioned cruiser races are mainly run by DISC. Only qualified SCOW Racing Skippers may race the cruising boats and only SCOW members may be crew. SCOW Racing Skippers who wish to race SCOW boats in DISC races must maintain their own memberships in DISC and must be DISC members in good standing for the sailing year. A minimum of three on board or more, as appropriate for the conditions, is mandatory. When racing with a spinnaker a minimum of four (a skipper and three crew) must be aboard.

Racing Skipper Qualification Procedures

In order to become a Racing Skipper the following procedure must be followed:

1. Candidate must be a cruising boat skipper in good standing with the club.
2. Submit a racing resume that shows the racing experience of the candidate. At minimum, the applicant is required to have at least 20 hours of racing in at least 6 different races as a skipper. This can be on SCOW boats or any experiences obtained on other racing boats. Candidates wishing to be certified to race in the spinnaker class need at least 20 hours racing with a spinnaker and appropriate spinnaker handling experience as crew or skipper.
3. Candidate must pass an oral examination administered by a certification board/panel. The board will be chaired by the Racing Director. The composition of the board will be determined by the Racing Director. The format of this examination will be questions and discussion of racing scenarios with the focus being on safety and sound judgement. The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of the racing rules of sailing, race procedures, and an awareness of the risks associated with racing a keelboat in a crowded fleet and how to properly manage that risk.



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4. Candidate must pass SCOW's on the water checkout. This test will be administered by a Racing Checkout Skipper, designated by the Racing Director, during an actual race. The candidate must demonstrate competent boat handling and decision making during a fleet race. The candidate's rules knowledge, judgement, and risk management will be evaluated by the designated Racing Checkout Skipper(s) during the normal course of the race.
5. A SCOW Racing Checkout Skipper will be someone who is recommended by the Racing Director in consultation with the Training and Skipper Certification Committee, and approved by the Board.

Lottery for Choosing Racing Skippers to Sail in Sanctioned Races

The method of allocation of the sanctioned race opportunities is a lottery, or a series of lotteries, constrained in such a way that all skippers who wish to race have an opportunity to do so if that is possible.

1. All interested skippers shall submit their names to the Racing Director for the lottery. (If possible, lotteries should be held at least two weeks in advance of races.)
2. Races and DISC's KISS Series (generally consisting of six races) shall be considered separately.
3. For each race or KISS Series the skipper's names will be placed in a hat and drawn by the Racing Director or an appointed impartial person. The date time and place of this drawing will be made known a week in advance. The first skipper's name drawn will have first choice of the boat. Subsequently drawn names may each choose their boat.
4. At subsequent lotteries, Racing Skippers who have not raced in previous KISS Series will receive priority in the lottery process
5. Individual races shall be awarded to Racing Skippers similarly to the above method described for awarding a race series (i.e., if you raced the last race, those who did not, will be higher on the list than you are, but if there are boats remaining after the lottery of skippers who weren't able to race the last race, you may enter the follow-up lottery and be awarded a boat.).

Other SCOW Sanctioned Races.

If during the course of the year SCOW's Racing Skippers wish to race in another local race that is not already sanctioned by the Board then they may:

1. Submit a request to the Racing Director before that race. (The further in advance, the better.)
2. The Racing Director may submit this request to the Board if he/she feels that this race will not intrude on the club's other members and maintain a fair balance in the use of SCOW boats between those who wish to use them for racing and those who wish to use them for other purposes.
3. If approved by the Board then another lottery will take place (as described above) for that race. The Racing Skipper may be required to pay for that race.

Leukemia Cup

1. The Leukemia Cup (all club boats), the PRSA President's Cup (Flying Scots only), PRSA Spring Regatta, and the DC Sail Cantina Cup and Halloween Regattas are designated by the Board as sanctioned races under the club race policy. SCOW also will offer its assistance to the local chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to promote the Leukemia Cup in the sailing community as a sponsoring club. Expenditure of any club funds for this purpose is subject to annual approval by the Board.
2. To maximize charitable fundraising through entry of the club's boats in the Leukemia Cup, members will be encouraged to form skipper/crew teams to raise donations for the Leukemia Society. The top fundraising skipper/crew one month before the event will be given first pick of all boats; the second will be given next pick



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of the remaining boats, and so on, until all boats are awarded. Contributions of cash and in-kind donations (valued at fair market value) will be considered in the boat award process. Uncollected pledges will not be counted. The Racing Director will make the final determination as to the value of each team's donations. Skippers may choose their own crews from any available sources.

3. The Racing Director and Training Director will coordinate a boat allocation plan when there are Training and Racing activities during the same time frame. The Racing Director will ensure that all racing events are noted in the club's annual calendar and entered into the online reservation system as early as possible in the year.
4. Skippers for the cruising boats must be qualified as Racing Skippers prior to the Leukemia Cup. Each skipper/crew team that is awarded use of a club boat will be personally responsible for paying the entry fee for that boat, which must be paid separately from the donated funds (unless the club has opted to pay entry fees). Each competing skipper/crew team also is responsible for conveying its total donation amount to the Leukemia Society at race registration.
5. The fundraising competition for the club boats should be announced in the July *Channels* (or before) and hence, the formation of skipper/crew fundraising teams should be encouraged. Teams may be announced by the Racing Director at a summer membership meeting, in the August *Channels* and in emails to the membership. As soon as a skipper/crew team has announced to the Racing Director that it intends to compete for a club boat, that team may begin to solicit donations from members at membership meetings, social sails, or other events. The competition will end one month before the Leukemia Cup. At that time, the Racing Director will determine each team's contribution totals and allow winning teams to select their boats for the race. If a team is unsuccessful in securing a club boat, its donations must still be given to the Leukemia Society.
6. Members who own their own boats are invited to enter the Leukemia Cup as part of SCOW's participation and to contribute their fundraising efforts to the overall club total. Those skippers/boat owners who choose to do so may notify the Racing Director of their intention and report the amount of funds they have raised. In return, these skippers also would be announced in *Channels* and be able to solicit Leukemia Cup donations from members at meetings, social sails and other club events.

Special Olympics

Although Special Olympics is not part of the SCOW Racing Program, SCOW supports Special Olympics and makes the club Flying Scots available for the Special Olympics practice sessions and the Special Olympic Regatta.