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The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington
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Commodore's Log

By Chris Von Guggenberg, Commodore

We welcome the start of the sailing season on April 1st with our first Social Sail (recurring every Thursday, 6pm-dusk, until Oct 7th). On the 1st we will be christening our new Flying Scot, Sunset Song, the newest boat in our fleet and enjoying a great dinner and evening of sailing.

Our event packed spring continues with:

- Training: the spring session of basic sailing begins April 12th;
- Raft-ups: for those of you interested in raft-ups, there is a scheduled raft-up on the Rhodes River April 17th, and on May 1st & 2nd we will be hosting on the Potomac, The Fort Washington Marina overnight raft-up which formerly was held in the fall.
- Racing: The Cherry Blossom Regatta is featured on April the 10th; the Tuesday night KISS Spring Series (Cruiser fleet racing) sponsored by the Dangerfield Island Sailing club will begin on the 13th. We are waiting for an announcement from our racing director regarding the regularly featured Wednesday night Flying Scot racing but we anticipate that it will begin soon.
- Membership Meetings: April's meeting on the 12th will feature Steve Linke and Dorothy Stocks as our featured speakers (see write-up below.)

Simply put, there's something for everyone and we hope that you will participate and volunteer to coordinate some of these events as this is a volunteer run organization.

We would like to announce our newest volunteer to the Board: Rhonda Glasmann, our new Social Director, replacing Vana Nespore who will be sadly missed, but who is going on to a new adventure in Utah. We are very excited to be working with Rhonda, a long-time member, as she always brings a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm to SCOW.

Looking back on March, I am thankful for all those who participated in the voting for the new member dues and skipper fees. I am thankful that this eminently democratic process was successful such that we can update our fleet and hire out those maintenance projects which you the members feel you cannot take on. (continued on page 2)

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The Re-Up brunch was a great success with more than 170 people attending. It was good to see many returning members and a lot of new faces. Many signed up for training and most importantly of all, we all enjoyed each other's company and ate a great brunch and drank some delicious Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. A big thank-you goes to Vana Nespor and her party crew.

We are thankful for all of you who attended maintenance day on March the 27th.

The board is busy getting ready for the new season and beyond the normal business we are currently reviewing the Skipper Information Files (aka SIF), a revised version of the Cruiser SIF is imminent and for the Flying Scot it's in the works, as well as revising our Boat Use Policy. The Flying Scot and Cruiser written tests are also in the process of being revised. We look seeing you at the marina in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Chris von Guggenberg
Commodore

SCOW 2010 River Party Schedule

By Jack Weaver

Mark your calendars! Here it is, the planned merriment on the river for 2010. A few things will be different than last year...read on!

SPRING FLING - May 1-2. The Fall Flotilla is now the Spring Fling, at Fort Washington Marina. (Hooray, Hooray, the First of May!) We decided to move this event from September to May to be the kick-off party for the season. September was just too crowded. With Labor Day, the Leukemia Cup and the Masters of the Potomac on three successive weekends, it was just too much. So...Spring Fling it is. Besides, we will enjoy 45 minutes of additional daylight on Saturday night, and comparable temperatures.

The rest of the event will be the same as last year. Show up around 1500 and get settled, Happy Hour starts at 1600, dinner around 1800. You will be assigned slips at discounted rates. Saturday night is the "you-bring-it, you burn-it" cookout, breakfast is courtesy of the club on Sunday morning. Low tide on Saturday is at 1745, so if you time your arrival for around 1500, you should get in with no problem, and will have more time to party.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SEAFOOD FEAST at Tim's Rivershore - June 19-20. The past few years, this event has suffered in attendance. Let's hope we can breathe some new life into it. This year, we have made arrangements with the folks at Leesylvania State Park to be able to drop the hook inside their breakwater Saturday night. (continued on page 3)

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This is a very desirable alternative to trying to punch through the hydrilla farm in Mattowoman Creek/Sweden Point Marina. We are still trying to work out an arrangement with the park where we will actually be able to tie up and use the showers, store and snack bar. Keep your fingers crossed. If anyone has a friend with a small power cruiser (Jay and Kim?) that would be willing to play "water-taxi", I'll buy their dinner!

THE ULTIMATE RAFT-UP IN SMOOT'S COVE - August 7, noon to 1600. Last year, this event was a total blast! Those who got the earlier message from Jay Weitzel know that National Harbor has plopped three good-sized mooring fields in the cove. Looking at the map, the spot where we usually raft is outside of their property line, and should still be available. As soon as I get Valhalla re-commissioned and back on the water, I will check it out.

Watch ChaNNels and your e-mail for details on each of these three events as the dates get closer.

Jack Weaver
SCOW River Party Dude 2010

General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 12th

Happy Hour: 6:30pm – 7:30pm
(Cheap beer, good eats!)

Business Meeting and Speaker: 7:30 pm –
9:00;pm

At the Old Town Alexandria American Legion,
400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Va.

Guest speaker: “**Thirteen Days – 1000 Miles**”.
Member Dorothy Stocks talks about her and Steve Linke’s exciting adventures bringing their new boat, “Marigot”, a Tartan 42 from Florida up to the Chesapeake Bay. Is there a reason there is a Coast Guard boat in this picture of Dorothy on the new boat? Come to the meeting and find out.



SCOW Classroom Update: There is still space available in some SCOW training classes for 2010. You have to be a SCOW member and at least 18 years old to sign up for training classes. The following classes have space open:

Basic Sailing Fall: 6 spaces

Classroom sessions: Mondays, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 7pm to 10pm

Water sessions: Saturdays & Sundays, September 18, 19, 25, 26, October 2, 3, 8am to 4pm

Capsize 1st: 1 space

Saturday, July 10, 9am to 5pm

Capsize 2nd: 7 spaces

Saturday, August 21, 9am to 5pm

If you are interested, email training@scow.org for questions or to get the enrollment form.

-- Seth Allen, Training Director

River/Bay Report – Notes from the March Membership Meeting

By Lisa Carr, River/Bay Director

“Schooner Woodwind Cruises” founder Ken Kaye spoke at the March SCOW General Meeting. Many of us dream of quitting our jobs, buying a big sailboat and taking people sailing. Ken followed his dream and now is the owner and Captain of two twin 74-foot schooners, the “Woodwind” and “Woodwind II”. The father and daughter team, Ken and Jennifer Kaye, both Captains of the schooners, gave a presentation to a packed room at the March SCOW General Meeting.

Captain Ken Kaye shared the story of his successful business with SCOW members and shared a video of how his schooners were built. Ken had always dreamed of owning a large sailboat. He retired from teaching elementary school music, with a focus on woodwinds, when the school district decided to focus on music education for older children. Ken brainstormed his sailing business idea with his wife and daughter. One year later, they had constructed a business from scratch and a wood and epoxy schooner to sail the waters of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay.

The creation of the Schooner Woodwind was “as close as a guy can get to giving birth” declared Captain Kaye, as we watched on video the new boat rolling on a trailer from the shipyard building to the open air. The schooner was built in upstate New York by sailboat architect John Scarano with the Kayes involved from start to finish. Their family business was so successful that a second boat, the Woodwind II, was built in 1998.

At the SCOW meeting, the Kayes held a drawing to win a beautiful, limited edition, local artist Nancy Hammond print of the Schooner Woodwind that was commissioned and finished before the boat sailed into Annapolis in 1993. The drawing was won by loyal SCOW member George Umberger and ironically this was the first time that he has won a SCOW General Meeting Raffle.

The Schooner Woodwind cruises have an exciting sailing schedule this spring, summer and fall. Opening season starts on April 17 and extends until early November. On April 18 from 10am to noon they are hosting a singles cruise and brunch to coincide with the city of Annapolis theme “Annapolis in Love.” The cruise will include a light brunch, Love Potion #9 drinks (for \$4) and a Wedding Crashers trivia contest.

Other events include a tour of Chesapeake Bay lighthouses with a guest speaker from the U.S. Lighthouse Society, a Blue Angels Cruise to watch the Blue Angels jets do maneuvers over the Annapolis area, and a special 4th of July cruise to watch the fireworks from the Annapolis harbor.

Woodwind Cruises are also hosting a “Talk Like a Pirate” Dinner Party Cruise, Mother’s and Father’s Day Brunches, Wine in the Wind cruises with representatives from local wineries, and Champaign Brunch and Dinner Cruises. In mid-October, the Woodwind participates in the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race with the Woodwind II taking guests out to view the breathtaking race. The Woodwind competes with other large schooners, such as the Pride of Baltimore, the Virginia, the Sultana, and other beautiful boats from the east coast. (continued)

For those wanting more time on the schooners, guests are invited to be crew on the Woodwind as she races toward Norfolk and/or to sail back from the race destination.

For more details on the construction of the schooners, go to:
<http://www.schoonerwoodwind.com/aboutTheBoats.asp>.

For more information on Schooner Woodwind Cruises, go to www.schoonerwoodwind.com.

--Lisa M. Carr, River/Bay Director

Volunteers Maintain the SCOW Fleet

By Mark Hogan, Maintenance Director

Skippers and members have responded to the invitation to support the Sailing Club of Washington by volunteering for maintenance. Maintenance teams have been created for each of the sailboats in the SCOW Fleet and both Flying Scot and Cruiser Teams have initiated repairs and upgrades to the fleet of club boats. Plans are also in place to keep the SCOW fleet in service for the membership. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these teams and to all the members who volunteered their time on Maintenance Day to support the Club.

We can all do our part in maintaining the SCOW fleet which will avoid placing undue burdens on any of individual. Each member can help by reporting maintenance issues including missing equipment, worn rigging, and needed repairs. Planning and ongoing attention to maintaining the fleet will minimize out-of-service time and will ensure that boats are always ready for use by members. Your suggested upgrades to the boats and equipment are also welcome.

Over the winter we upgraded the SCOW Lockers for storing sails, maintenance equipment and added a new locker for storage of training and Social Sail supplies. The expanded space has allowed us to organize sails, equipment and supplies more efficiently. Keeping these lockers clean and organized will provide all of us convenient access to sails and other sailing equipment. Shelves in the Sail Locker have been labeled to identify where equipment is stored to assist Skippers in locating sails and other equipment and to remind Skippers where items belong when returning sails and equipment to the locker.

If we all keep in mind that there are a lot of members using the SCOW fleet and lockers we can easily appreciate the need to keep the boats and lockers clean and organized. Your suggestions for further enhancements are always welcome as well as your commitment of time in volunteering to assist in maintaining the fleet.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the teams listed below and encourage others to join in supporting the SCOW Maintenance Teams.

Thank you,
Mark Hogan
Maintenance Director
Email: maintdir@scow.org

2010 Maintenance Teams

Senior Bosuns

Bill Bernhards	Patrick Derry	Kim Richards	George Umberger
Rodger Casey	Jan Earle	John Roland	Thom Unger
Declan Conroy	Fran Jezisek	Neil Shepherd	Jay Weitzel
Paul Cyre	Tom Kelly	Ron Sheldon	
Bill Davenport	Jim Klein	Jeff Teitel	
Joe DePoorter	Steve Linke	Stuart Ullman	

Rebecca Team

Richard Magee, Bosun	Judy Cyre	Craig Searls
Seth Allen	Joseph Depoorter	Marty Taylor
Bill Bernhards	Vivien Harris	Mike Trueheart
Bruce K. Britton	Yuan John Jiang	
Paul Cyre	Charles Lorenzetti	

Topaz Team

Chris McGraw, Bosun	Fred Guillermety	David Richter
Rita Daley	Ryan Kautz	Frank Schowengerdt
John Dickinson	Kyoko Kawai	Tom Vandenbosche
Urszula Felt	Bob Lucas	David W Williams
Peter Feltman	Jim Metcalf	Gil Wright

Ms Ellie Team

Craig Connelly, Bosun	Julia Clones	Alice Starke
Henry Carter	Jim Klein	Tom Vaughan
Richard Cecilio	Michael McNulty	Gilbert Wright

Selkie Team

Moyra Cassidy, Bosun	Janet Loneragan	James Miner
Martin Crowson	Maggie Wiseman	Ken Giberson
Samuel Frentzel-Beime	Kathy Sullivan	
Christian Iffrig	David Sullivan	

Sunset Song Team

Martin Branham, Bosun	Terry Green	Jim Sprinkle
Phyllis Casey	Sarah Jones	Jenny Sprinkle
Richard Chan	Michael Null	

Susie Q Team

Maggie Kruesi, Bosun	Kevin Longenbach	Urszula Felt
Carroll George	Bonnie Neuren	Bill Gillespie
Klara Huesers	Donna Davis	Elaine McLaughlin

Preparations Underway for the Leukemia Cup Regatta, 2010

By Chris McGraw

Get ready for the largest sailboat regatta on the Potomac - the 2010 Leukemia Cup Regatta!

The spring sailing season is just getting started with great winds and warmer weather and already it is time to start looking forward to the largest sailing regatta on the Potomac, bar none, with over 140 boats participating each year -- the 2010 Leukemia Cup Regatta for the National Capital Area! We were happy to have Erin from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society join us for our Re-up Brunch to share info about the exciting events planned for this year, and the great success of last year. In addition to being a fantastic boat race, (and maybe an even better party), last year's regatta brought in more than \$140,000 to fight blood cancers, and events included live bands, catered food from outback steakhouse, and Gary Jobson, (America's Cup Winner, lymphoma survivor, and sailboat racing announcer for the Olympics, ESPN, and almost any sailing race on TV).

This year we hope to have another great regatta with even more boats and contestants participating. That's where you come in.

First, mark your calendar and come to the Leukemia Cup Kickoff on **Saturday, May 15!** The Kickoff is free for all Leukemia Cup supporters.

Join us for dinner, Mt. Gay drinks and door prizes. It's from 4pm - 8pm at the Capital Yacht Club, 1000 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Second, if you have your own boat, register it now for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. The Regatta will take place **September 10 and 11th**, with the Presidents Cup to take place on **September 12th**. Register today by contacting Loree Lipstein Loree.Lipstein@lls.org.

Third, if you don't have your own boat but are interested in racing one of SCOW's Flying Scots or Cruisers during the Leukemia Cup/President's Cup Regatta (**Sept 10, 11, 12**), contact our Race Director, Charles Gilbert at racing@scow.org. SCOW members will be doing a lot of practice racing and you can get involved either as a skipper or as crew for the boats. We'll be providing more info about how skippers can win their first choice of boats.

Fourth, Participate as a volunteer (contact Loree), as a contributor (contact Loree or a fundraiser), or as a fundraising helper for the crew of your choice (contact the crew).

If you are new to sailing or an old salt, the Leukemia Cup Regatta is a great event. See you on the water!

Chris McGraw
SCOW Leukemia Cup Liasion
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Recent Changes to the www.scow.org website:

For those of you who have not noticed, we've been making some changes to the website recently. Changes are constant but as of this writing I call your attention to these changes:

1. New tab - "Weather, tide predictions, small craft advisories and other useful information": Under this tab you will find the following information:

a. Marine Forecast, Small Craft Advisory - www.scow.org/sca -- under this tab you will see the current small craft advisory and club boat use and directly beneath it, embedded from the National Weather Service information regarding any small craft advisories present in our local area.

b. Weather at National Airport - www.scow.org/dcaweather - the current weather at National Airport.

c. Tides, wind and temperatures in our local area - www.scow.org/tides - this tab features the NOAA tides online information.

d. Tide tables - www.scow.org/TideTables - this includes the tides and sunrise and sunset for the current and following day.

e. Our lagoon - www.scow.org/lagoon - it shows the approximate water depth in the lagoon (in feet) at low tide.

f. Other weather info - www.scow.org/OtherWeather - please note items which you might find of interest.

g. Faces Boat Reservation System - www.scow.org/faces - you can log on to faces directly through our website, no need to keep track of other links.

h. Log Sheets - www.scow.org/LogSheets - for Flying Scot and cruisers. Why not complete it in front of your home or office computer with all the available resources readily available?

2. New pictures on the main page of the website - The new pictures are hot links to some of the sites mentioned above.

3. Video library - www.scow.org/video - this site is under development and we hope to host some training and more member videos on this site in the near future.

It is our hope that you will find this information useful. It is my ambition to update the website to make it a more meaningful resource to our members and for that matter the community at large. If you have the skills and are willing to work with us to accomplish this task your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please contact me to learn more.

Sincerely,

Chris von Guggenberg
Commodore 2010

-- Got an article idea, photos or other content for a future newsletter? Send an email to the editor, Tom Paquin, at: channels09@scow.org.

-- Editor Seeks Assistance! If you would like to lend your skills to editing the monthly newsletter, and helping me to get it out on time, I would be very glad to hear from you. Duties would include proofreading, formatting, adding photos, and just making it look good. Please send me an email at: channels09@scow.org.

Next Membership Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2010

Guest Speakers: Dorothy Stocks, SCOW Member: "Thirteen Days and 1,000 Miles"

Location: American Legion Post, 400 Cameron Street, in Old Town Alexandria

Time: Socializing downstairs begins at 6:30 pm; meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm

Social Sail	Every Thursday, Washington Sailing Marina, April - October, 6:00 pm
Social No-Sail	Events and locations vary, December - April, 6:00 pm
Board Meetings	1st Monday of every month, 7:00 pm (open to members)
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