

ChaNNels

The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington
September 2005

Commodore's Log

From the Commodore

September is here with cooler weather, great for sailing on the Potomac or on the Bay. The last sailing class of the year cranks up. The last big check-out comes in October. Get yourself ready.

The coming Fall also reminds us that the Board member terms are coming to an end and we are beginning the process of selecting a new slate for 2006. We need nominations by the October general membership meeting so we can elect a Board in November. You could have another title for your resume if you get elected!!



SCOW - Sailing on Marina Day
On American Spirit



SCOW - Sailing to DC
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SCOW's nominating committee has formed under the able leadership of current Vice Commodore Bill Patton. If you would like to know more about the opportunities to see if you might be interested, or if you already know you are interested, drop Bill a line at vice@SCOW.org.

The jobs on the Board are very rewarding. I know that time is short, your job is so important, you are moving, etc, etc. But it is the same for all of us. Keeping SCOW running is important, too.

Whatever you do, enjoy the September sailing. Look inside ChaNNels for more information on the Smith Island trip on the weekend of September 24th (contact Dot Almassy) and the October overnight trip down the Potomac (contact Doug Kelch). Lots of River and Bay activities run on thru October. Be a part of it all.

Fair winds.

Steve Linke
Commodore
Sailing Club of Washington

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RACING

Skippers and Crew Needed for September Regattas

CRUISERS

Skippers and Crew are needed to sail the SCOW cruisers in the 2005 Leukemia Cup on Saturday September 10th. This is an annual race to raise money for the local Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Members are encouraged to form fund-raising teams and solicit donations from friends, co-workers, family, and other SCOW members. This is a SCOW sponsored event which means that you can raise money at SCOW meetings and events such as Social Sails. However, SCOW policy does not allow use of the "all-SCOW" e-mail list to solicit donations.

The boats are reserved and will be assigned to the skipper and team that raise the largest amount of money for the Leukemia Society. Teams must have a racing-qualified cruiser skipper for the boat during the race. The skipper and team that raise the most donations will get first choice of boats for the Leukemia Cup. Fund raising can continue until Thursday, September 8. At the Social Sail on that date, we will announce the fund raising results and will allow the winning team to select their preferred boat. (Continued on pg 3)



SCOW Picnics

Laser Sailors at WSM boat ramp

Summer weather is hard to predict, but the hour from 7 to 8 pm is usually graced with a nice sunset and either a light breeze or a torrential thunderstorm!

It's worth driving down after work just to see what happens!

Bay Activities

Jack Schwartz

Still cruising aboard Odyssey, a Seafarer 37, out of Holiday Hill marina. Feel free to email me at bay@scow.org with questions, to volunteer as crew, to offer berths for raftups or to take on crew for day sails.

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BAY CALENDAR

BAY CALENDAR (proposed)

Labor Day Cruise (split fleets first night)

September 3 Lower Bay-behind Casson Point, Hudson Creek, off Little Choptank
Upper Bay-Shaw Bay, Wye River,

Eastern Bay
September 4 Both fleets-Dunn Cove, Harris Creek, off Choptank River

October 23 Fowl Weather Cruise - location tbd,
Raftmaster Alan Lewis
Veteran's Day Cruise

November 11 Dunn Cove

November 12 Solomon's Island area

**Next Membership Meeting:
Monday, September 12th, 2005**

The September meeting will be on the second Monday of the month, which is Sept 12th. Location is at the American Legion, 400 Cameron Street, in Old Town Alexandria (around the corner from Gadsby's Tavern). Socializing downstairs is at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm. Article submission deadline is September 15th.

RACING (Continued from pg 2)

FLYING SCOTTS

Skippers and Crew are also needed to race the Flying Scotts in the Leukemia Cup. In addition to winning the right to race a Flying Scott in the September 10, 2005 regatta, fund raisers can also race in the President's Cup held on the Potomac River on Sunday, September 11th.

Like the cruisers, teams that raise the most donations get to choose their boats for the regattas. It is not necessary to be a racing qualified skipper to race the Flying Scotts. If you want to raise funds and compete for a boat in the Leukemia Cup and President's Cup, information on race procedures will be available at the Tuesday Night Flying Scott Races, as well as on weekends.

If interested in raising donations for this charitable event, please contact Mike Murphy (racing@scow.org). As soon as you notify Mike that you are interested in fund raising, you can begin soliciting funds at SCOW events such as Social Sails, check-outs, membership meetings and other events. Combine a chance for exciting sailing with helping this worthy charity. Sign up NOW!

Social Events

Join us next Thursday at 6:30 or any Thursday through October 6. We meet at the Washington Marina, just south of National Airport on the George Washington Parkway.

Donation for dinner is only \$5.00. There are still slots open to host a Social Sail so contact me at social@scow.org and we'll find a date that works for you. This is really a great way to meet club members and get more time on the water.

Be sure to check out the website www.scow.org for a complete calendar of racing, sailing and social activities!



SCOW - Thursday Picnic

Authorities ponder a rescue – waterski boat stuck on the sandbar!

“With ghosting sails we can glide along over water that scarcely shows a ripple and the feeling is one of calmness and tranquility”, Hal Roth

Leukemia Cup

By Bill Patton, Vice Commodore

There are two goals of the annual Leukemia Cup that will be held the weekend of September 10th. One is to raise money, and the other is to get out on the river and race.

The cup is one of the largest of its kind in the country with a 2005 fund raising goal of \$200,000. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved by raising money, skippering or crewing on one of the SCOW boats, or participating in the events of the day. For more information contact Bill Patton at vice@scow.org or Genie Williford.

Here is your chance to make a donation to a wonderful cause. It is not too late to start raising funds for the races on September 10th. All of the SCOW boats will be entered in the races so watch for opportunities to skipper in one of the races. Earlier this summer, a Thursday night social was dedicated to the Leukemia cup with all proceeds collected that evening going to the Cup fund raising efforts. There are still opportunities for others to host a social sail and donate the evening's collections to the Society. You can contact Social Director, Margaret Monsour through social@scow.org.

Newsletter Accidents Happen

There are dozens of e-mails per day that everyone receives, including the Editor & Layout Editor. There are article and photo submissions; and there are ten pages of content to review, edit, and collate into one cohesive document. The ChaNNels editors have a lot more work than you might think when they produce the monthly newsletter.

This means that once in a while, someone's article is accidentally excluded from the newsletter. *And I mean: accidentally.* Getting angry and defensive or taking it personally does not help get your article back in the newsletter. If you notice that your article is excluded, please follow the following advice:

DO:

- Send a *polite* email **to the editor** (dcombs001@comcast.net) inquiring about your article *within three days* of the first ChaNNels draft.
- Read the newsletter, to become familiar with procedures and guidelines for article submission.

By following our suggested guidelines, you will find that there is less turn-over in newsletter production volunteers, and you might find a better newsletter. Remember, we are volunteers who put the newsletter together *in our spare time*. The less energy we have to spend on defending innocent mistakes, the more we have to create the newsletter you desire. A little appreciation goes a long way.

Help the Editor

To facilitate the production of SCOW, please follow the following "Keys to Article Submission."

Keys to Article Submission

1. When you e-mail the article, entitle it: **article submission**
2. When you submit photos for the newsletter, always include the names of people in each photo.
3. Submit your article by the **15th of the month**
4. Submit a full, written-out article
5. Submit your articles to ChaNNels@scow.org

This applies not just to SCOW Board Members but also to SCOW freelance writers and photographers!

ChaNNels can also be read at:

www.scow.org.

Submit articles to
channels@scow.org

by the **15th of every month**. Use any means, but email is preferred. If you would like a copy of the 2005 ChaNNels editorial calendar, please request via email to channels@scow.org or in-person at the next meeting. Thanks!

Diana Combs, Editor
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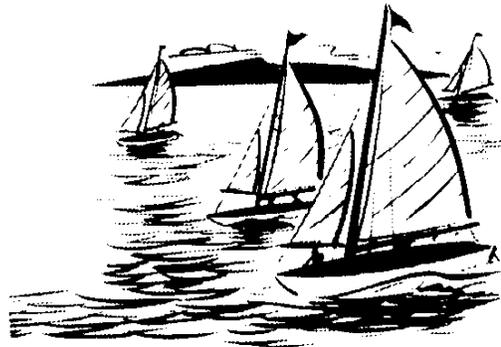
- * Assume it is intentional
- * Become hostile with any Board member, including the editors.

River Activities

Ahoy sailors,

Our river program is going in full steam. Yesterday, we had tons of fun at the Marina Day and later on a cruise on the schooner "American Spirit." With plenty of wind, our club cruiser "Psycho" was out all day taking attendees cruising. If you didn't make it out to Marina Day, there are plenty of events in the pipe line. I hope you will come join us for some good fun, good food and good sailing on Potomac!!!

Henry Cheng, SCOW River Activities.



Social Director News for September Newsletter

Touring Smith Island, sailing and camping at Pohick Regional Park and dining and dancing at the City Tavern in Georgetown are events that SCOW members are planning for September, October and November.

September 24 and 25

Smith Island

We are planning to visit Maryland's only inhabited off-shore island in the Chesapeake Bay. See the website at www.smithisland.org for details about this quaint island where Elizabethan English is still the language. Folks can sign up for the day trip or overnight trip. Ferries leave from Point Lookout or Crisfield, Maryland or Reedville, Virginia. There is a B&B if you'd like to spend the night on the island and bicycles and kayaks are also available. A crab feast and sunset cruise to Tylerton can also be part of the adventure. Contact Dot at Dorothy. Almassy@us.army.mil or (703) 560-0367 for more details.

October 23 and 23

The *Fall Flotilla* will take a trip down the Potomac River and back during the crisp fall weather. We will camp out in tents at the Pohick Regional Park or people may choose to sleep in boats. We'll depart at noon on the outgoing tide on the 22nd and return on the tide going back on October 23 at 6am. We're planning to take both cruisers and the Flying Scots on the trip. We're looking for people who would like to help with logistics and we'll need an SUV to carry the camping equipment. Contact Karen at Kparsons@crosslink.net or (703) 587-0024.

November 18

Hail and Farewell will be at the City Tavern in Georgetown. During this traditional changing of the guard, we take some time to say thanks to volunteers who kept things going during the year and welcome new Board members will take the reins in 2006. We'll have dinner and dancing at this historic, private club located near convenient parking. Contact Kathy Martin at Kathleen.Martin@hq.doe.gov

SCOW – Sunday Race

A few of us got together and held a Flying Scot race with SCOW members on Sunday May 22. We had a committee boat, timed starts, and a simple short triangular course for lots of races.



Close racing on the windward leg – SCOW – Susie Q - Skipper Jarrel Price, foredeck Lynne Russillo, Jib person Dorothy Stocks – Private boat owned by Bill Johnson (foredeck), skippered by Minh Phong with Jib person Doug Johnson. Susie Q was edged out by 1 ¼ boat lengths at the finish.



All four boats charging towards the finish in the first race.

For More Great Pics see the SCOW Photosite!

<http://www.scow.photosite.com/>

SCOW – Sunday Race (continued from previous page)



Approaching the windward mark – Danschwieda – Skipper Mike Murphy, Fordeck Laura Litz, Jib person Al Lambert



Miss Ellie – Skipper Dave McKeeby, foredeck Monika O'Connor, Jib person Catherine Ziegler
The winds were terrific and all the boats were moving well.

Tuesday Night Races

If you are interested in participating with the Tuesday night races, please contact Mike Murphy at racing@scow.org.

We need skippers, crew, race officials, and members who can share their knowledge of sailing, rigging, boat trim, boat handling, and race tactics with other members on Tuesday nights.

Bay Activities (Continued)

A bunch of SCOW members ventured out on the Rhode River this weekend aboard Odyssey and Jenny Kamm's boat for a day sail. Despite threatening skies to the east and some pretty good wind gusts, we managed to anchor for lunch in the upper reaches of the river just ahead of a little rain. After some visiting and good food, we went out for a couple hours sailing, and a good time was had by all.

The next Bay event will be the Labor Day Cruise: The first night, I thought we would have different anchorages for the Lower Bay and Upper Bay fleets, reducing the distance each has to go that day. Upper Bay boats will anchor in Shaw Bay, in the Wye River, off Eastern Bay. Lower Bay boats will anchor behind Casson Point, a short way up Hudson Creek, off the Little Choptank River. On the second night, we will all meet in Dunn Cove, Harris Creek, off the Choptank River.

I'd like to hear from skippers who are planning to come, and need a volunteer to be raftmaster for this event. I also hope we will have room to take along some members as crew. Interested parties can email me, and I will make their names available. Anyone interested in chartering should also let me know, and I will try to help them get a group together.

Fair winds,

Jack Schwartz, s/v Odyssey

(Note: These are activities for those with boats on the Bay. Members not having a boat can sometimes participate as crew on a Bay skipper's boat, or by chartering.)

In Cabin'd Ships at Sea From Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman

In cabin'd ships at sea,
The boundless blue on every side expanding,
With whistling winds and music of the waves,
The large imperious waves,
Or some lone bark
buoy'd on the dense marine,
Where joyous full of faith,
spreading white sails,
She cleaves the ether
mid the sparkle and the foam of day,
or under many a star at night,
By sailors young and old
happily will I, a reminiscence of the land,
be read,
In full rapport at last.

*Here are our thoughts, voyagers' thoughts,
Here not the land, firm land, alone appears,
may then by them be said,
The sky o'erarches here,
We feel the undulating deck beneath our feet,
We feel the long pulsation,
ebb and flow of endless motion,
The tones of unseen mystery,
the vague and vast suggestions of the briny world,
the liquid-flowing syllables,
The perfume, the faint creaking of the cordage,
the melancholy rhythm,
The boundless vista and the horizon
far and dim are all here,
And this is ocean's poem.*

Then falter not O book, fulfil your destiny,
You not a reminiscence of the land alone,
You too as a lone bark cleaving the ether,
purpos'd I know not whither, yet ever full of faith,
Consort to every ship that sails, sail you!
Bear forth to them folded my love,
(dear mariners, for you I fold it here in every leaf;)
Speed on my book! spread your white sails
my little bark athwart the imperious waves,
Chant on, sail on,
bear o'er the boundless blue
from me to every sea,

This song for mariners and all their ships.

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(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

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