

# Chanels

The Newsletter of the Sailing Club of Washington  
December 2009

## Commodore's Log

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Hail & Farewell and those who made it such a success! We had a great time, and I was glad for the opportunity to get to see so many people. The highlight of my night was passing along the Commodore's hat, burgee, and other SCOW paraphernalia to Chris von Guggenberg, the new 2010 Commodore.

For those of you who missed this fun night, I will re-cap here the names of the new 2010 Board of Directors:

### Officers

Commodore—Chris von Guggenberg  
Vice Commodore—Faith Rodell  
Secretary—Valerie Pelton  
Treasurer—Richard Chan

### Directors

Maintenance Director—Mark Hogan  
Racing Director—Charles Gilbert  
River/Bay Director—Lisa Carr  
Skipper Director—Amy Hasslacher  
Social Director—Vana Nespor  
Training Director—Seth Allen

Congratulations to the new board! I wish you success and fun in the upcoming year. Make sure to take time to sail and relax!

I would also like to congratulate the winners of the top awards given at the Hail & Farewell:

- Ellie Abramson Award—Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club over an extended period. The 2009 winner was George Umberger.
- Al Blankfield Award—Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club during the past year. The 2009 winner was Ron Sheldon.
- Woodie Woodside Award—This is a new award established in memory of Robert Custer “Woodie” Woodside, CDR USN (Retired), 1920-2009, one of the founders of SCOW. It will be awarded annually to the SCOW member who has done the most to promote sailing by sharing his/her love of sailing through example, mentoring, and service to the club. The 2009 winner was Jim Klein.

2009 was a very eventful year for me. I am thankful that I had so many wonderful people, both on and off the board, who were there to support, guide, correct, and commiserate with me. It was truly a year I will never forget. So now, for the last time, I wish you all fair winds.

2009 Commodore,

Lisa Eller

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## Mark Your Calendars!

*After the Holidays will you be ready for one more party with your great sailing friends? Reserve the date!*

### **SCOW AFTERGLOW PARTY**

**Saturday, January 9, 7-11pm**

**What:** Potluck Dinner -- Ham and roast beef will be provided; you bring something delicious to share. Or come empty-handed and pay \$10.

**Where:** The Colonies at McLean

**Come for an evening of great fun as only SCOW sailors know how to have.**

**Volunteers:** Please email Vana Naspur, SCOW's 2010 Social Director (social@scow.org), if you can help. We need cooks to prepare the roast beef and hams, as well as set-up helpers, bartenders, deck swabbers, etc.

### **Directors' Awards**

Congratulations to the following SCOW members who were presented with Directors' Awards at the Hail and Farewell. These awards are in addition to SCOW's Highest Achievement Awards announced in the Commodore's Log:

#### **Racing Director Awards**

*To Alice Starcke and Jim Wright* – For their tremendous help with SCOW's racing program.

#### **River/Bay Director Awards**

*To Jack Weaver*, River Activities Coordinator, aka the "SCOW River Party Dude" – For managing the river program, creating enthusiasm and encouraging participation in sailing events including the Smoots Cove Raft-up, Tim's Rivershore Raft-up, and the Fort Washington Fall Flotilla.

*To Jack Schwartz* – For serving as our Bay Activities consultant, raftmaster mentor, and musician for numerous Bay raft-ups; and for organizing spontaneous Bay events including our kick-off music raft-up in April.

*To Marlan Green* – For initiating and organizing Bay raft-ups (including the Memorial Day Raft-up and the Rhode River Fireworks Raft-up) and for honing his skills to become a Raftmaster extraordinaire.

#### **Social Director Awards**

*To Richard Chan, Marty Branham, Rob Van Tassell, Mary Sophia Smith, Jim Klein, and Chris von Guggenberg* – For being ever-willing to help with Social Sails.

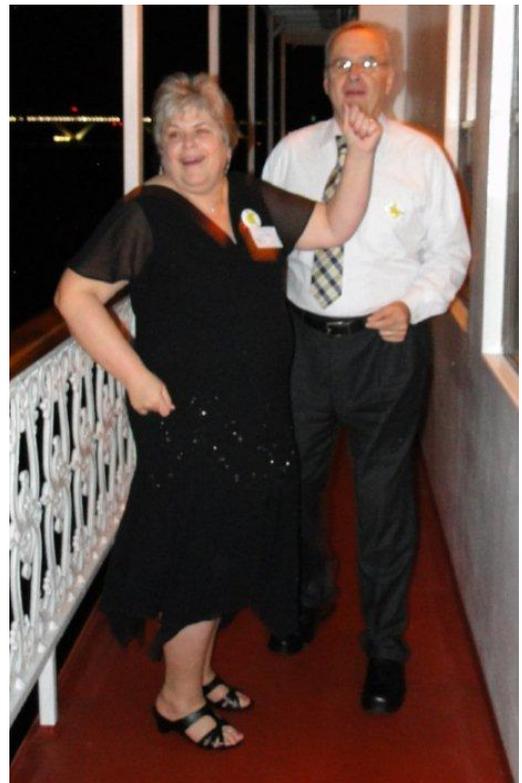
## Hail and Farewell – SCOW's Final (and Finest!) Social Event of 2009



The 2009 Commodore celebrates the end of the year

The 2010 Commodore prepares for the year ahead





More Hail and Farewell Photos

## Next Membership Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2010

**Don't miss it!** Kathy Seifert will tell us all about the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a local group that helps at-risk youth turn their lives around by teaching them to build and use wooden boats and by preparing them through apprenticeships for a career in the building trades.

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

**Time:** Socializing downstairs begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins upstairs at 7:30 pm

<b>Social Sail</b>	Every Thursday, Washington Sailing Marina, April - October, 6:00 pm
<b>Social No-Sail</b>	Events and locations vary, December - April, 6:00 pm
<b>Board Meetings</b>	1st Monday of every month, 7:00 pm (open to members)
<b>Channels Deadline</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> of every month. Submit articles to: <a href="mailto:channels09@scow.org">channels09@scow.org</a>
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