

# ChanNels

**“Land was created to provide  
a place for boats to visit.”  
Brooks Atkinson**

*The Newsletter of the  
Sailing Club of Washington*

## **Commodore's Log** *Chris McGraw, Commodore*

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## ***What a year!***



We surpassed our 400-member membership goal in the early months with new social media outreach, newly pioneered online signup and web presence, beautifully re-designed newsletters, great trainings, parties, and events!

We trained 44 new sailors in Basic Sailing, 15 new Cruising sailors, 10 new Spinnaker sailors, and 25 new sailors who can capsizes a boat for you. Well, and even bring a vessel up from a capsized! Our boats competed admirably in races on the river, with great sportsmanship, and many first and second place trophies. We audited our systems,

and ensured our financial health with smart oversight and thoughtfulness in contracts. We did a fantastic job assisting sailing in the Special Olympics and we raised more funds than any of our sister clubs in the area to fight blood cancer in the well-attended Leukemia Cup Regatta.

We racked up 96 Flying Scot Skippers, 23 Cruiser Skippers, and 45 skippers of both. We added Red Cross certification in First Aid, CPR, and Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) to improve the skills of our instructors, Directors and members. We worked with the Coast Guard Auxillary and conducted Vessel Safety Checks to each of the vessels in our Flying Scot fleet. We added safety gear from the Harbor Patrol and new safety bags for every Flying Scot with charts, radios, first aid and more. And we were able to help the National Park Service by participating in river and park

cleanups and by encouraging the repainting and revitalizing of our marina's facilities.

We sold our beloved 1983 Catalina 25', Topaz. Bought and delivered a new 2003 Catalina 250, Hiatus. Improved our slips. And have purchased our 5th Flying Scot that we just delivered to our marina a few days ago. And now we're ready to turn the calendar and welcome our new and able board for 2013.

2012 has passed quickly, but it has been a wonderful year! Thank you for all that you do to make the club a joy.

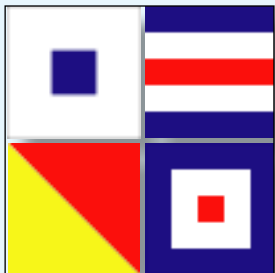
Sincerely,  
Commodore Chris



**2012**  
**\$28K+** raised  
*to fight blood cancer!*

***We've got a lot to celebrate!***  
**Afterglow Party**  
**Saturday, January 5, 2013**  
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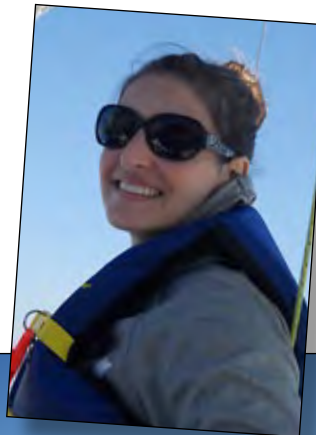
## Sunday Flying Scot Racing was a Popular Event in 2012

Thanks to the organizing efforts of Julian and Jim, FS racing caught the attention of a large number of members this year. With mild temperatures into the fall, informal Sunday racing was always a well attended event.

All four Scots participated in the Sunday afternoon races on November 11th. Although the wind was light enough to challenge the best of trimmers, it was a beautiful fall day, with temps in the low 70s.

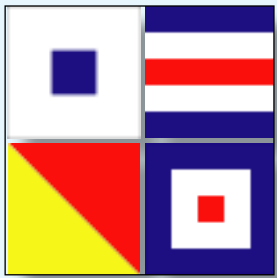
*Rob, Julian and Dan serve as race officials.*

*Heather trims the jib on Ms. Ellie.*



*Jim and his crew get as much out of the light wind as they can.*

2012  
**96** Flying Scot skippers!



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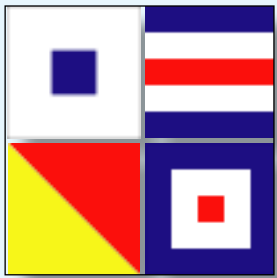
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*With Alice at the tiller, Julia, Christina and Bill crew on Suzie Q.*



*Jim, Vasa and  
Kristine, leeward  
in Ms. Ellie.*



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## Maintenance Day Continued on December 1st

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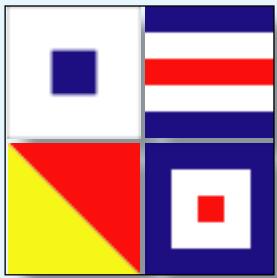
A small group of incredibly dedicated volunteers came out on December 1st to finish up some uncompleted tasks from our fall Maintenance Day. Don't be fooled by Jonathan's shorts; temperatures in the 30s and 40s and a breeze are what these members were faced with that morning.



*Luis, Chris, Lawrence, Nelson, Joe and Jonathan work on Rebecca. Jonathan belays for Chris as he goes up the mast to replace her anchor light housing and bulb.*



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### Maintenance Day (continued)

Hiatus recently had a VHF radio antenna installed. Once again, Chris goes up the mast, this time to adjust Hiatus' windicator.



(above) Chris and Luis.

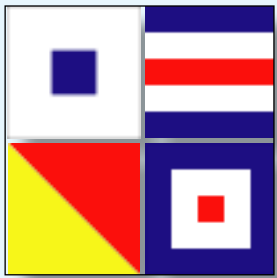
(below) Luis (on board), Chris, Jonathan and Maggie discuss the plan.



2012  
**23** Cruiser skippers!

Chris goes up Hiatus' mast with an assist from Tom.





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### Maintenance Day (continued)

Here's what we accomplished with the Flying Scots:

1. Installed/replaced backlash spring and brakes on winch assembly on all four Flying Scots.
2. Lubricated the winch assembly on all four Flying Scots.
3. Repaired the halyard winch assembly on Ms. Ellie by adding a missing bolt, repair led by Jim Klein.
4. Investigated and fixed the friction in the mainsheet on Suzie Q by replacing a t-strap, repair led by Alice Starcke.

Due to the temperature and not quite enough volunteers available to turn the boat, over these tasks are still outstanding:

1. Replacing Ms. Ellie's centerboard gasket.
2. Installing/replacing cove stripes; Suzie Q is not eligible because of her painted surface.
3. Wash/dry and "Starbrite".

### Hiatus is in Service

It's official! Our newest cruiser is now available to enjoy, thanks to some very dedicated volunteers. Cruiser skippers who have completed the mandatory familiarization are free to reserve her on Faces, our online reservation system.

Our entire fleet is in great shape this year, due to the great work by our volunteers and Directors. Remember to do your part and be sure to stow all gear in their proper places, and wash down the boat after you have enjoyed your sail.

2012  
**400+** members!

*Mark, Richard and Mustafa discuss work to be done on our new Scot.*

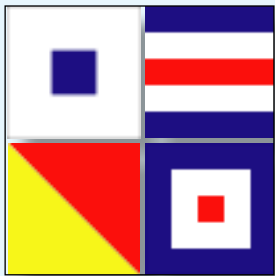
### Newest Flying Scot Delivered to WSM

SCOW's newest Flying Scot was safely delivered to J19 on December 7th. She's insured, but not yet registered. Before she is put into service, she'll also go through the Coast Guard Auxillary's Vessel Safety Check, as did the other Scots in our fleet.

Volunteers came out on Saturday, December 15 to get her ready for our club. Here's what was done:

- Installed a new lifting bridle
- Installed a new windex
- Installed a new hull plug and cable
- Moved her sails from the existing square bags to new tube bags
- Raised the mast and attached the boom
- Installed the rudder *continued.*





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### *Newest Flying Scot Delivered to WSM (continued)*

She has all the SCOW safety equipment on-board. Her safety bag is also complete and ready to go.

Work that still needs to be done includes adding her to FACES, upgrading the single wheel trailer jack to a dual-wheel trailer jack, permanently attach the life line and putting together a binder/log book for the sail locker. Contact Luis if you would like to volunteer for that task.



*(left) Jim, Mustafa and Bryan.*

*(below) Jim and Jim install bungie to secure her cover.*



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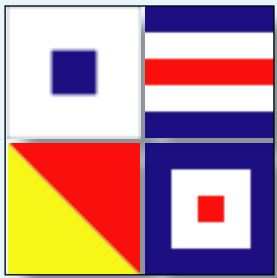


*(left) Richard and Luis hang the electric motor. Yes, she came with an electric motor!*

*(below) Patrick attaches a float to the motor key.*



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## Rebecca and Hiatus Take Part in the Parade of Lights

SCOW Skippers Chris McGraw and Luis Rivas, along with crew including Kyoko Kawai, Ute Laser, Esther Yong, Daniel Hornal, Chris Tindal, Jonathan Thron, Richard Chan and Bryan Russo kicked off the holiday season enjoying a festive evening on the water in the annual Parade of Lights on December 1st in Alexandria.

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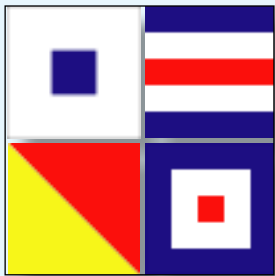


*Photos by  
Chris McGraw.*



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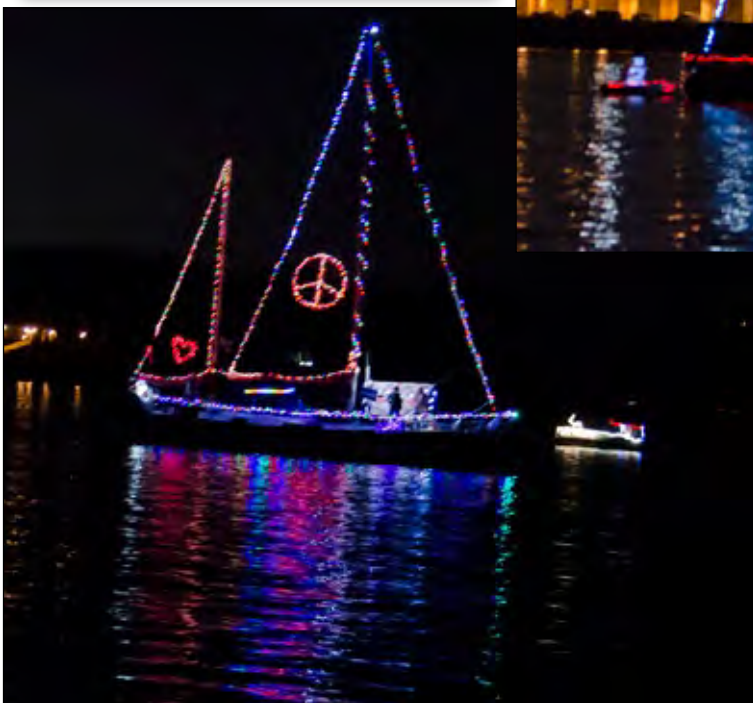




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### Parade of Lights And the Winners Are:

#### Best of Alexandria Show

##### *Summer C's*

Weekend evening at Hotel Monaco  
\$500 Gift Card  
Passes for two – First Night Alexandria

#### Best Powerboat

##### *Wii Fish*

\$250 Gift Card  
Weekend Stay for 2 with breakfast – The  
Westin Alexandria  
Passes for two – First Night Alexandria

#### Best Sailboat

##### *Forward My Calls*

\$250 Gift Card  
Weekend evening stay at the Crown Plaza  
Old Town- Alexandria with Breakfast  
Passes for two – First Night Alexandria

#### Best Spirit of America

##### *Luvin Life*

Weekend evening for two at the "W"  
Newseum Gift Box with 4 tickets  
\$50 Dining Certificate at Bastille

#### Most Holiday Cheer

##### *Ragin Cajun*

One Evening Weekend Stay at the  
Washington Suites Alexandria  
\$100 Gift Certificate at Kings Jewelers

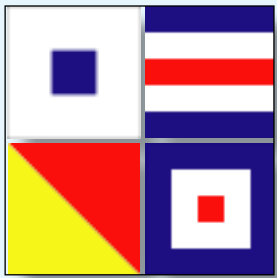
#### Most Spirited Crew

##### *Wish You Were Here*

Gift Certificate at Geranio Ristorante  
DC Food Metro Tour for 2  
Dinner for 2 at Murphy's Irish Pub  
Passes for 4 – First night Alexandria

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### Parade of Lights (continued) Photos by Alice Starcke.

#### Best Theme

##### *Unusual Attitude*

Brunch for two at the Charthouse Restaurant  
Two night weekend stay at the Embassy Suites, Alexandria-Old Town  
Dinner for two at Bilbo Baggins

#### Thinking Outside the Christmas Box

##### *Firefly*

Weekend at Coles Point Marina  
(2) \$25 Gift Certificates at Hard Times Café

#### Hardest Souls

##### *Endless Summer*

Dinner for two at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant  
Two Tickets for Alexandria Little Theater  
\$25 Certificate at Mango Mikes

#### Best Try

##### *John Glen*

\$75 Gift Card at Virtue Feed & Grain

#### Most Animated

##### *Iron Manta*

\$100 Gift Card at Jackson 20  
Weekend at Coles Point Marina

#### Honorable Mention

##### *The Colonels Lady*

\$50 Gift Certificate for Brunch at Tempo Restaurant

#### Honorable Mention

##### *Job Site*

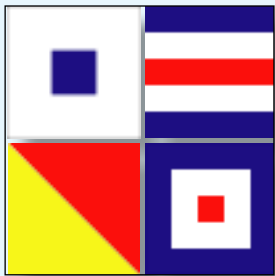
(2) \$25 Gift Certificates at Fosters Grille

#### Honorable Mention

##### *Hi C's*

\$100 Dining and Entertainment Certificate for National Harbor





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## SCOW sailers recognized at DISC Awards Dinner

*by Bill Davenport*

SCOW sailers cleaned up at the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club's Awards Dinner on Tuesday, December 4th.

*Runneth Over* took home 8 First In Series award plates. Other SCOW winners were skippers Chris McGraw, Kyoko Kawai and Mike Rothenberg.

### *Skirmish*

KISS (A):  
Spring 1st Place  
Summer I 3rd Place  
Summer II 3rd Place

### *Rebecca*

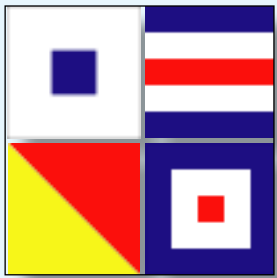
KISS (B):  
Spring 1st Place  
Summer I 2nd Place



*Runneth Over's award winning crew. Left to right: Fred Gulimety (a SCOW skipper), Capt. Bill Davenport (SCOW Instructor), Spencer Charney, Jim Antonovich, Joe Bonanni (SCOW member) and Sam Fretzl-Beyme (SCOW member). Missing from the photo but in attendance were D.J. Ding and Claire La France (SCOW member).*

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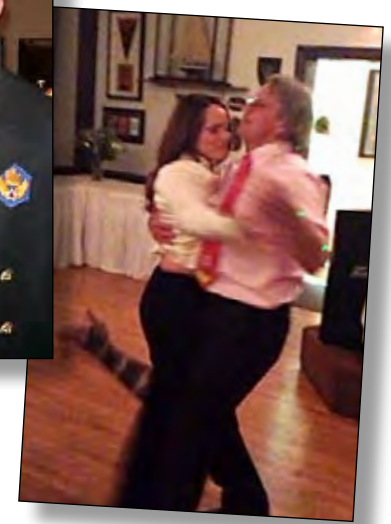
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## Hail and Farewell Fun

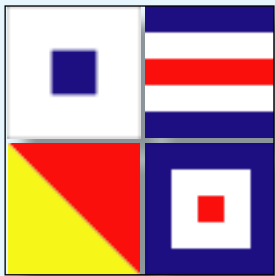
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A large, good looking, well dressed crowd turned out for the annual Hail and Farewell party to celebrate another successful sailing season. Many thanks to Anna, our 2012 Social Director, Faith and all the volunteers who made this such a fun evening for us all.

For more pictures of the fun, go to <https://picasaweb.google.com/SailingClub.of.Washington/HailFarewell2012Nov172012>



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**Jim Klein**  
*Ellie Abramson Award*  
Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club over an extended period.



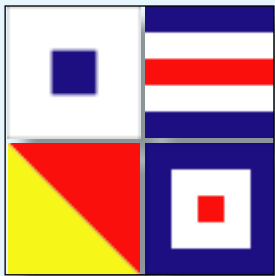
**Mark Hogan**  
*Al Blankfield Award*  
Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club during the past year.



**Jonathan Thron**  
*Woodie Woodside Award*  
Awarded annually to the SCOW member who has done the most to promote sailing by sharing his/her love of sailing through example, mentoring & service to the club.

### Commodore's Awards

- John Rogers – Chair, Training & Skipper Certification Committee
- Tom Vandenbosche – Chair, Boat Assets Committee
- Ron Sheldon – Chair, Investment Committee
- Mahl Avila – Chair, Audit Committee
- Mark Hogan – Chair, Nominations Committee
- Barb Thacker – ChaNNels Editor
- Luis Rivas – Webmaster
- Sandy Schaefer – Meetup Coordination
- Jeff Teitel – Postmaster
- Henry Cheng – Membership Coordinator
- Susan Berman – Faces Online Boat Reservation
- Charles Gilbert – Special Olympics Coordinator
- Special Olympics Skippers & Crew:
  - Barbara Thacker, Hank Rominski, Jim Klein, Joe Depoorter, Kyra Tallon, Laura Jarchow, Shirley Castle, Susan Antoinette
  - Faith Rodell, George Umberger – Leukemia Cup Regatta Committee
- Barb Ullman, Bill Davenport, Mark Hogan, Nelson Pacheco – Advice to the Commodore
- Ginny Ivan, Tom Vandenbosche, Mark Hogan – Fleet Safety Inspections



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## 2011 SCOW Volunteer Awards and Recognition (continued)

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### Vice Commodore Awards

Bill Davenport • Bill Gillespie • Chris Tindal • Jan Earle • Jim Klein • Jonathan Thron • Richard Chan • Tom Vandenbosche

Sunday Racing  
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### Maintenance Director Awards

Charles Gilbert • Chris McGraw • Declan Conroy • Dick Vida • Jim Klein • Jonathan Thron • John Imparato • Julian Mallett  
Brian Chumney • Lori Chumney • Maggie Kruesi • Maggie Wiseman • Mark Hogan • Martin Branham • Rhonda Glasmann • Rodger Casey

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### Membership Director Awards

Chris von Guggenberg • Ginny Ivin • Henry Cheng • Jim Mentzer • Luis Rivas • Sandy Schaefer

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### Racing Director Awards

Charles Gilbert • Chris McGraw • Jim Klein • Jonathan Thron • Julian Mallett • Mark Hogan

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### River/Bay Director Awards

Alice Starcke • Bill Davenport • Chris McGraw • Jan Earle • Jonathan Thron • Kevin Longenbach • Wolfgang Schaefer • Jack Schwartz

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### Skipper Director Awards

Declan Conroy • Jan Earle • Susan Berman

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### Social Director Awards

Barbara Thacker • Charles Gilbert • Eileen Dougherty • Faith Rodell • Jim Klein • Judy Schramm  
Julian Mallett • Kristine Sadusky • Mary Bashore • Richard Chan • Thom Unger

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### Training Director Awards

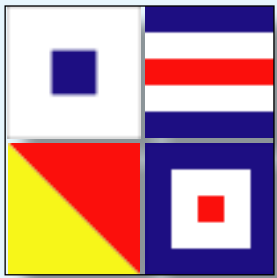
Alice Starcke • Bill Gillespie • Charles Gilbert • Chris McGraw • Chris Tindal • Dan Sandhaus • Declan Conroy  
Henry Cheng • Jan Earle • Jay Weitzel • Jeff Teitel • Jim Klein • Jim Metcalf • John Rogers • Ken Giberson  
Kevin Logenbach • Kyoko Kawai • Larry McAndrews • Maggie Kruesi • Maggie Wiseman • Marty Crowson  
Neil Shepherd • Stuart Ullman • Thomas Unger • Tom Vandenbosche • Tom Vaughn

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2012  
**60+** training  
hours logged by  
Neil Shepherd!

2012  
**40+** training  
hours given by  
Jan Earle!



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## Upcoming Events

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### Afterglow Party

Saturday, January 5, 2013  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Casual Attire  
The Colonies of McLean  
7681 Provincial Dr.  
McLean, VA 22102

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

A Potluck Dinner (Ham and Roast Beef will be provided) you bring something else delicious to share. Members arriving empty handed will be charged \$10.

Musicians: Bring your instrument!  
Dancing: Bring some great dance CDs.

Volunteers: Let's hear from you!  
[social@scow.org](mailto:social@scow.org)

We need set up helpers, bartenders, deck swabbers, etc.

### Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2013  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Capitol City Brewery  
2700 South Quincy Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22206

Join us for a SCOW Happy Hour from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. (select menu items and beer half price!) followed by the annual membership meeting from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

### Re-Up Brunch

Sunday, March 10, 2013  
The Colonies of McLean  
7681 Provincial Dr.  
McLean, VA 22102

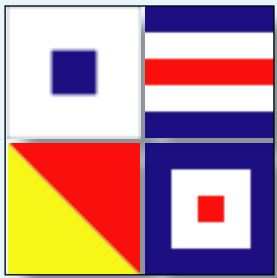
Mark the official kick-off party for our sailing season. Bring a dish to share or pay \$10.

- Renew your membership.
- Sign up for the awesome training classes (be there by 10 am because classes fill up fast).
- See what's on schedule for river, bay, racing, and social activities this year.
- Enjoy a delicious brunch of ham & roast beef plus omelets & pancakes.
- Bloody Marys and Mimosas!
- Socialize, shoot pool, play ping pong, sing, eat, drink & be merry.

Volunteers make our events a success. Help is needed for set-up, clean-up, omelet cooks, bartenders. Think about how you can help, and contact Anna at [social@scow.org](mailto:social@scow.org).

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Sailors!

We've had a great year, and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

We'll get together again at the Afterglow Party on January 5th, details on page 15.

Take more pictures!

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