

I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way.
-- John Paul Jones

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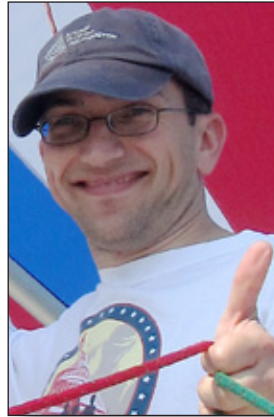
April 2013

Commodore's Log

Charles Gilbert, Commodore

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Welcome to another great sailing season with SCOW! We have had quite a successful start to the year for the club. Kyoko Kawai (our 2012 Vice Commodore) and Kevin Longenbach were brave enough to start off the new year right with a New Year's Day sail on the Potomac. And only a few days later we had our annual Afterglow party at the Colonies with dinner, drinks, socializing, pool, table tennis, singing and guitar playing, and a mean game of taboo.



At our February membership meeting, Julian Mallet, our new Racing Director, gave a run-down of plans for the upcoming sailing season and a brief review of the racing rules. On top of that, Julian organized a series of classes on rules, tactics, and race organization which were so popular that he had to schedule a second session of each.

A big thanks to him, Jim Klein, and Bill Davenport for their excellent and informative sessions.

We also had a great turnout for our annual Re-Up Brunch! We had over 200 new and returning members show up and all of our classes except for a few spots in our Fall Basic Sailing class sold out quickly. A big thanks to Kristine, our new Social Director, Tom Vaughan, our continuing Training Director, and all of the volunteers for helping to make it such a successful event.

Our Wednesday night Flying Scot racing has gotten off to an early start this season, and our first Thursday night Social Sail is just around the corner. Jan Earle, our new Skipper Director, will be giving an important talk at our April Membership Meeting on weather and its effects on sailing. And of course, our next big event is Spring Maintenance Day, taking place this Saturday! Be sure to come down to the marina and get your hands dirty putting our boats into top working order for the Spring season!

Behind the scenes a lot has been happening as well. You'll notice brand new sails for all of our Flying Scots and for Skirmish as well. We have a new addition to the Flying Scot fleet, Elisse, whose registration along with the registration of all of our fleet is in proper order with grateful appreciation to our Skipper Director, Jan Earle. All of the cruiser engines have been serviced with much thanks to our continuing Maintenance Director, Luis Rivas. Luis is also our webmaster and is making sure our online membership application process is running smoothly. Barbara Thacker, our new Membership Director and continuing ChaNNels editor will note that our club just recently topped five-hundred members! Our team is working hard to process all of the applications and renewals from the Re-Up Brunch and should have everything in order shortly. I can't say enough about all the work that has gone into making the club such a well running organization and ensuring that we're able to share our love of sailing with so many others. I hope to see many of you this Saturday at Maintenance Day!

See you on the water!

Charles

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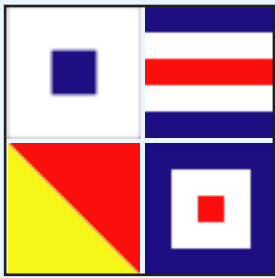
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April 2013 Maintenance Day is Saturday, March 23rd!

Maintenance Director Luis will be at the cranes bright and early to organize and lead volunteers in a list of necessary tasks. Give a few hours of your time and meet new members during this very important club event. Here's the schedule:

- 9:00 am - Set up
- 9:30 am - Coffee and bagels
- 10:00 am - Coordination & announcements
- 10:05 am - Maintenance activities begin
- 2:00 pm - Maintenance activities end
- 2:05 pm - Engine first aid chat led by Peter Laser on the G Dock

Luis' To-Do List:

General Tasks

- Install numbers and letters on new sails for the FS
- Remove sheets from old sails and install on new FS sails.
- Inventory all FS sails. We will keep 3 best sets for FS sails as back up and donate the rest to DC Sail.
- Update all log books with new log sheets, map of safe havens, tide tables for the year, the Boat User/Skipper policy and an "in case of accident/collision procedure" page
- Clean dock boxes by cruisers
- Fill In the Mud Puddles in front of the Lockers.

Suzie Q, Sunset Song, Selkie Tasks

- Replace current sails with new sails - reuse current sheets
- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull
- Replace cover bungee cords
- Install new 2013 registration sticker

Ms Ellie Tasks

- Replace current sails with new sails - reuse current sheets
- Repair mast curling - install sleeve at base - need to take mast down for this task
- Install refurbished center board
- Buff the centerboard before installation
- Replace Center board gasket
- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull
- Replace cover bungee cords
- Install new 2013 registration sticker

Elisse Tasks

- Replace current sails with new sails - reuse current sheets
- Lower mast and install Spinnaker parts
- Install new double wheel jack on trailer
- Replace cover bungee cords
- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull

Rebecca Tasks

- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull
- Sand tiller and apply spar varnish
- Vacuum and clean inside
- Check all lights and replace burned out bulbs
- Tighten 2 cleats on starboard side
- Install new 2013 registration sticker

Skirmish Tasks

- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull
- Check all lights and replace burned out bulbs
- Vacuum and clean inside
- Install motor
- Check windows for possible leak solution
- Install new 2013 registration sticker

Hiatus Tasks

- Wash, dry and "Star Brite" hull
- Install solar fan
- Replace the faucet in galley sink
- Check all lights and replace burned out bulbs
- Sand tiller and apply spar varnish
- Vacuum and clean inside
- Re-label items where labels have fallen off
- Install new 2013 registration sticker

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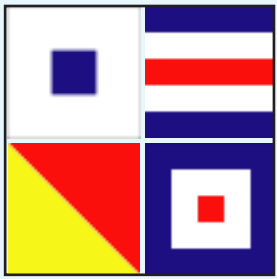
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Update from the Training Side of Things:

Thomas Vaughan, Training Director

SCOW enjoyed a remarkable turnout at the Re-Up Brunch with heavy interest in training classes. SCOW's Basic Sailing class for this Spring sold out in 17 minutes! By the end of the Re-Up brunch, all training spots for cruiser classes and basic sailing classes had been occupied with a healthy wait list in effect. There are still openings available for the July 13th and August 10th capsized classes. Additionally, if you're interested in SCOW offering one or more Introduction-to-Spinnaker classes this year, email training@scow.org with your interest. Tentative dates are July 7th and August 10th, but nothing is official on the Spinnaker front yet.

For SCOW Trainers only:

The annual Train-the-Trainers meeting is Saturday April 6th from 9-noon at the Washington Sailing Marina. As a SCOW Trainer, it's important to show up and make sure you've got the latest details on Flying Scot policies & procedures. If you're a Cruiser trainer, we'll go over the differences between Rebecca, Hiatus and Skirmish.

For All SCOW Skippers:

We'll have our annual Rub-off-the-Rust meeting on Saturday May 4th from noon to 4 pm. We'll assemble at the Washington Sailing Marina and go through a refresher on how to launch and dock Flying Scots. We'll also have familiarization with Skirmish and Hiatus. **NOTE:** even if you're a long-time cruiser skipper, it's required to attend the Hiatus familiarization before being allowed to reserve her through FACES.

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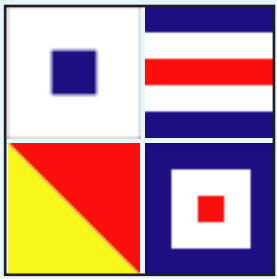
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Training Director Tom brings new members up to speed on training options with SCOW at the Re-Up Brunch last weekend.

Racing News: Flying Scot Spring Series #1 Begins April 7th.

The weather hasn't been too cooperative for the beginning of the Wednesday night Flying Scot races, but it's not too early to think ahead to SCOW's first Flying Scot Spring Series. The three Sunday afternoons of racing in this series will begin April 7th and continue on the 14th and 21st. For more information contact Racing Director Julian at racing@scow.org



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A near-record number of members and potential new members turned out for this year's Re-Up brunch on March 10th at the The Colonies of McLean. Our 2013 Social Director, Kristine, organized some very generous volunteers and ensured that we all had good food and drink to enjoy.

The club's membership is at an all-time high, 517, and is sure to grow larger with the applications being processed. Be sure to reach out to Kristine, social@scow.org, for volunteer opportunities coming up at Social Sail on Thursdays beginning on April 4th at 6:00 pm.



Maggie and Nancy catch up with Dan.



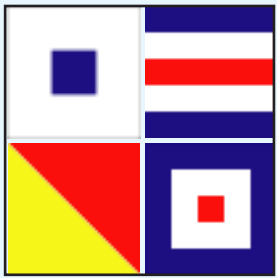
A future Leukemia Cup team?



Bill is in good company with Social Director Kristine.



Chris and Mark, enjoying the beginning of the season.



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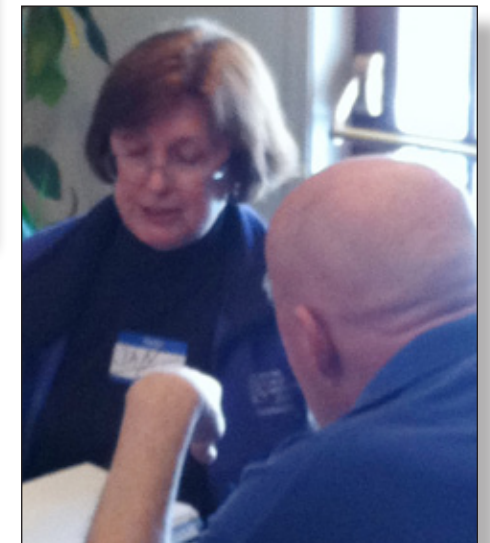
Treasurer Joe and Commodore Charles sort and organize new and renewing membership applications.



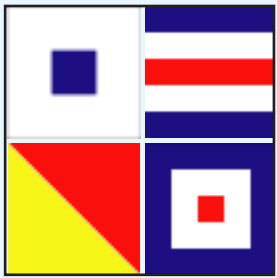
Joe, Henry Jan and Charles were busy all day with the rush.



Rich catches up with Jeff while he volunteers behind the bar.



Skipper Director Jan with Rodger.



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Bill and Chris.

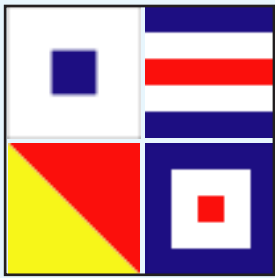
Dick, Diane and Richard.



Julian was busy all day with much interest in his racing program for 2013.



Volunteers keep the club running strong!



Upcoming Events

The [SCOW website](http://www.scow.org) posts all events during the 2012 season.

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Spring Maintenance Day

Saturday, March 23, 2013

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Washington Sailing Marina

Rain Date: Sunday, March 24th.

Meet at the marina Saturday morning for bagels and coffee at 9:30 with friends before the start of spring maintenance day. We've got a list of chores, see page 2 of this newsletter for details. Enjoy pizza and soda for lunch and after the work is done at 2:05, join us for an engine first aid chat led by member Peter Laser on the G Dock. If you've got any questions, contact Luis (maintenance@scow.org).

Flying Scot Racing

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Washington Sailing Marina

Meet at the marina on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm throughout the summer for informal races. This is a great way to sharpen your skills and meet other SCOW members for a little competition. Contact Julian (racing@scow.org) for more details.

Social Sail!

Every Thursday through the summer beginning April 4, 2013

6:00 pm, Washington Sailing Marina

Come out to this weekly event at the marina by the cranes. Bring your \$5.00 and enjoy an evening of good food and drink, and a chance to relax on the water with friends.

Volunteers, step up to serve as chef/co-chef, dockmaster or skipper during the 2012 season. Please contact Kristine (social@scow.org) to sign up!

FS Spring Racing Series #1

Sunday, April 7th, 14th & 21st, 2013

4:00 pm-8:00 pm

Washington Sailing Marina

SCOW's inaugural Flying Scot Spring Racing Series! For more information, contact Julian (racing@scow.org).

Membership Meeting

Monday, April 8th, 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 membership meeting 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Skipper Director Jan will be our guest speaker. Contact Chris (vice@scow.org) for more details.

KISS Spring Racing Series

The DISC Racing Series begins April 9th and takes place Tuesday evenings through May 14, 2013

Washington Sailing Marina

Sponsored by the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC).

Check in with Julian (racing@scow.org) about opportunities to crew on Rebecca or Skirmish.

Cherry Blossom Regatta

Saturday, April 13th 2013

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Washington Sailing Marina

Race is sponsored by the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC). Check in with Julian (racing@scow.org) about opportunities to crew on Rebecca or Skirmish.

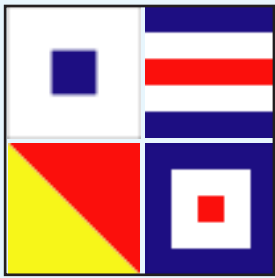
1st Friday Night Raft-Up of the Season!

Friday, April 26th 2013

6:00 pm - midnight

Washington Sailing Marina

The Friday Night Raft Up Event is coordinated by the SCOW River and Bay Director. Email Anna at river@scow.org to make a reservation to attend the event or to add a boat to the Raft Up. Attendees bring food and beverages to share.



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Members!

Welcome to spring, and the beginning of another great year of SCOW events. It was great to see so many interested sailors, new, and renew their membership in the club. If you haven't already done so, take the time to do it now at scow.org/join.

As your volunteer board works hard to attend to the many annual spring club tasks, please remember that the payment AND the signed membership waiver form must be received and processed before your membership can be activated. Have patience, we're working as fast as we can, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to write to membership@scow.org

Take more pictures!

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See you on the water,

Barbara

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