

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving:
To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it -
but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

The Newsletter of the
Sailing Club of Washington

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Chris Tindal, Commodore

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Welcome to 2014!!

I know many of you are sick and tired of the brutal winter we are experiencing. Quite possibly, sailing out on the frozen Potomac River is the furthest thing on your mind. As the new SCOW Commodore for 2014, I want to take this opportunity to provide a 'warm' greeting to you, and tell you about the wonderful club leader we had in 2013.

Last year's Commodore, Charles Gilbert, did a fantastic job leading the club despite holding a full-time job, being a devoted newlywed husband, becoming a new loving father, and moving into a new home. Under Charles' leadership, we had an outstanding year with well-maintained boats, an aggressive and very successful racing program, and SCOW's first fun-filled Family Day. The idea and hard work behind the new SCOW Boat Reservation System which is mobile device-friendly, also started on his watch.



Charles, from your 2013 Board of Directors and Officers and the new Board for 2014, we offer you a BIG Congratulations and a hearty Thank You for ALL of your devoted leadership and hard work!!

Taking the reins of Commodore is a big task, and I am willing to continue in Charles' and all of the previous Commodore's footsteps, and strive to maintain and exceed the high tempo and standards of the club. I promise that I will do my utmost to make the Sailing Club of Washington an even better and more outstanding club than it is today.

If you ever want to offer me any good advice or constructive criticism, please e-mail me at Commodore@SCOW.org. Thank you.

Yo-Ho-Ho,

Chris

Beat The Re-Up Rush and Renew Your Membership Now!

Consider visiting [this link](#), printing and signing the 2014 Membership Waiver Form and sending it in along with your check to:

SCOW, PO Box 25884, Alexandria, VA 22313

to renew your membership for this year. (Paypal's good too!) Get that out of the way now, and you'll have time for an extra donut at the Re-Up brunch!

Membership Meeting

Guest speaker on racing tactics!

Monday, February 10, 2014

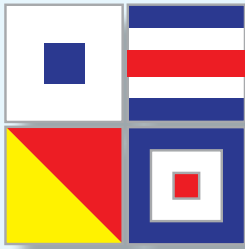
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Capitol City Brewery in Shirlington

See page 8 for more details!

Keep that PFD on until May 1st!
(at least when you're on the boat.
Anywhere else would
just be weird.)





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Julian Mallott, Racing Director

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Now that the days are starting to get longer our thoughts are turning to sailing again and plans for the 2014 racing program are under way. We will be building on last year's activities and adding some interesting new ideas. New this year our Scots have been chartered as Fleet 203 under FSSA and we have introduced a new one-on-one match racing format.

Winter Seminars

Last year's well attended seminars will be repeated again this year with new and more comprehensive content. Sign up online at the racing site, <https://sites.google.com/a/scow.org/scowracing/>, and additional dates will be added if needed.

Tuesday, Feb 25th:

Racing Rules – Jim Klein

Wednesday, Feb 26th:

Racing Tactics – David Beckett

Tuesday, March 4th:

Racing Tactics – David Beckett

Wednesday, March 5th:

Racing Rules – Jim Klein

Wednesday March 12th:

Race Organization and Race Committee – Julian Mallett

Seminars will be held in the Old Town Meeting Room at the Royal Restaurant, 734 N St Asaph St., in Alexandria ([map](#)). Seminars will run from 7.00 – 8.30 pm, come early for dinner and happy hour.

Pre-Season Briefing

A pre-season briefing will be given during the Re-Up Brunch on March 9th. Come and find out about the schedule and activities planned for the year, including changes and improvements.

Principal Race Officer

Peter Stenzel has volunteered as Principal Race Officer for the 2014 season. This is a newly created position for coordination of Race Committee activities. Peter is a new member, having recently moved to the area and comes with extensive sailing experience.

Sail Tuning Class and On-water Coaching

On Saturday March 22nd we are planning a shore based class followed by on-water coaching providing information on how and when to tune and balance your sails for best performance.

Racing Web Site

The 2014 Racing Web Site has been created and can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/scow.org/scowracing/>

This site enables you to keep track of events, skipper sign-up for races and Race Committee. Information will be added to this site over the course of the season as it becomes available.

Fleet Charter

SCOW has been chartered by the Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA.com) as Fleet 203. This enables us to participate in, and conduct, sanctioned races and regattas within the Flying Scot community and provides an opportunity to compete against other clubs and Fleets.

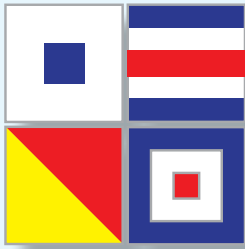
Match Racing Challenge Ladder

New this year we have introduced a one-on-one match racing challenge ladder. Similar to the America's Cup races, 2 boats race within a confined area in a tactical match. Winners move up the scoring ladder and races can take place at any time decided by the participants. Races will take place throughout the year.

Questions & Information

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about SCOW's 2014 racing program please contact Julian Mallett, Racing Director at racing@scow.org or by phone (617) 943-7884.





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Begin the year making safety a priority. Consider becoming more skilled and aware on the water by taking advantage of the many courses that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has to offer. A small investment of your time can make you a more valuable crew member. Here's a great link to find out more about what's coming up soon:

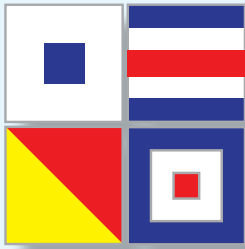
**Find a
water safety course
near you!**

http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Courses Offered Within a Radius of 20 Miles of Alexandria:

COURSE NAME	START DATE		LOCATION/DIST
About Boating Safely	Wed, 30 Apr 2014	2 Hours	Alexandria, VA
Boating Skills & Seamanship	Mon, 27 Jan 2014	6 Weeks	Washington, DC
About Boating Safely	Mon, 31 Mar 2014	4 Class Meetings	Washington, DC
About Boating Safely	Sat, 08 Feb 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 22 Mar 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 19 Apr 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 17 May 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 21 Jun 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 21 Jun 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
About Boating Safely	Sat, 12 Jul 2014	1 Day	Alexandria, VA
State Approved Basic Course	Sat, 29 Mar 2014	9 Hours	Bladensburg, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sat, 26 Apr 2014	9 Hours	Bladensburg, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sun, 16 Feb 2014	(2) 4 Hour Classes	Rockville, MD
In Command	Sun, 09 Mar 2014	4 Hours	Rockville, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sun, 16 Mar 2014	(2) 4 Hour Classes	Rockville, MD
How To Read a Nautical Chart	Sun, 13 Apr 2014	4 Hours	Rockville, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sun, 20 Apr 2014	(2) 4 Hour Classes	Rockville, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sat, 22 Feb 2014	2 Weeks	La Plata, MD
State Approved Basic Course	Sat, 03 May 2014	2 Weeks	La Plata, MD





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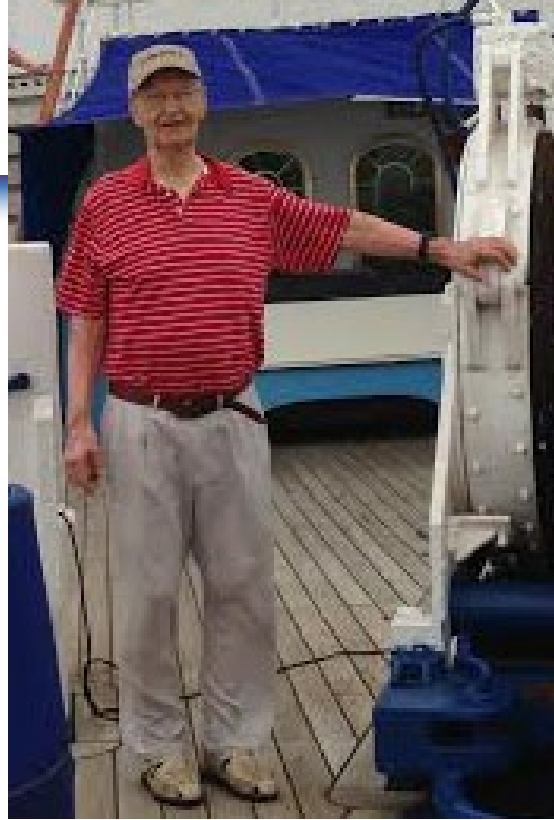
A letter dated January 11, 2014 from Laura, Ben Ackerman's daughter:

Dear Friends,

I am writing again to let you know that my father, Ben Ackerman, passed away peacefully at The Oaks of Brevard (NC) in the early hours this morning. His heart was full with happy memories, and he was ready to cast off and drift with the tides. We had had heavy rain throughout the night, and just a few minutes after dad passed there was about 10 minutes of loud thunder and bright lightening. How often is there a thunderstorm in the middle of a winter night? I couldn't help but feel that Ben and Jeanne were letting me know that all is well. It will be a week or two before I know the date for dad's memorial service at Arlington Cemetery, and I will certainly share the information as soon as I have it.

I've attached one of my favorite photos of dad, taken during his cruise aboard the Star Clipper last March. I'm also attaching the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling, which was very meaningful to dad throughout his life. The story behind it follows below.

Few of you may know that Ben's father passed away unexpectedly when my dad was only 8 years old. Difficult times followed, but a few years later a junior high shop teacher took Ben under his wing. It happens that the teacher was a Sea Scout leader for a troop that sailed at the nearby New Jersey shore. Ben joined the troop, igniting his lifelong passion for sailing and also



inspiring him to join ROTC and eventually become a naval officer; along the way he met and married Jeanne. When dad graduated from junior high, the teacher gave him a framed copy of the Kipling poem inscribed, "And I know you will!" Dad kept that poem for more than 70 years and just a few weeks ago he asked me to pass it on to his oldest grandson. I knew then that he was wrapping up his earthly affairs. What I love about this story, in addition to the message of the poem itself, is the proof that extending a helping hand to someone can have an impact that reverberates far beyond what anyone might imagine. If all of us who have been touched by Ben's spirit of friendliness and generosity carry it forward in our own lives, that will be a tribute worthy of the man.

With warmest regards to each of you,
Laura

IF

*If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:*

*If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:*

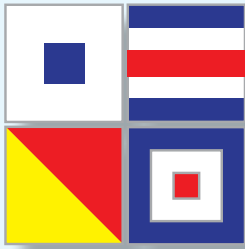
*If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!*

— Rudyard Kipling, 1895

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The Afterglow Party Was a Huge Success, Thanks to Many Volunteers

Chris McGraw, Social Director

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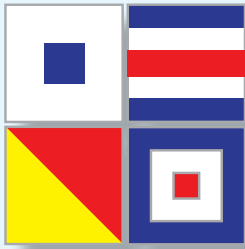
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Thanks to the wonderful volunteers and members who made the Afterglow party a success! We had over 80 attendees! Special thanks to Faith Rodell, who raced from party to party, jam packing her car with everything from dishtowels to name tags to needed cutting boards and knives and much much more, and who led efforts to keep the tables clean. Dick Vida and friends including Mike Rothenberg and Bill Bernhards ensured that the bar was well managed, Esther helped lead Salsa lessons, and dances afterwards, Barb Thacker brought spiral ham and a delicious roast beef to share, and ensured things were in order, Connie handled coffee, Chris von G helped tackle cash deposits and Adam Cromie our valiant treasurer handled receipts, Jim H. Rob Van Tasell, Jeff T, Tamar, Nancy, Chris T., Randy and Debby helped set up

and work the door. Our fantastic Commodore also took care of the recycling. Jim K, Eileen, Rob van Tassel and friends lead sing-a-longs. Thom Unger, Rich Chan, Dick Vida, Jaime, Jonathan Thron, Sara , Esther, Martha, Eileen D, Jim, Kristine Sadusky and many many helped with cleanup, or helped by bringing dishes or other contributions. There were a lot more great folks pitching in and making it a great night than I mentioned here. On that note, Tammy Larson wasn't a help at all and didn't bring anything -- even fun -- to the party. If she weren't a fictional character, I'd be very mad at her.

Thanks for contributing to the merriment!
Cheers!
Chris





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The next party is Re-Up Brunch!

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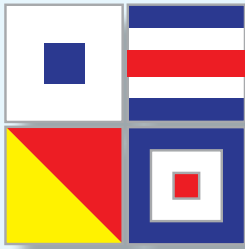
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SCOW Represents at DC Sail's Halloween Regatta

In the "Better Late Than Never" category, SCOW members found big success and bigger fun at the 2013 Halloween Regatta. Check out the pictures at the following links, and be sure to compliment Dave Beckett on his awesomely costumed crew!

<http://mollyriley.photoshelter.com/gallery/DC-Sail-Halloween-Regatta-2013/G00008qeuq8qNhjs>

<https://plus.google.com/photos/116374303998608369305/albums/5942143569647094225?authkey=CKi4iJzMjM-fJQ>



REGATTA RESULTS

Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls

DC Sail 2nd Annual Halloween Regatta
November 2, 2013

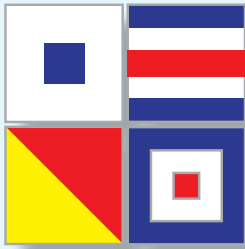
Lightnings Overall Results

Team #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Average	High	Final	Notes	PLACE
14553	Aaron Boesnecker			5	1	1	1	1	1	10	1.67	5	6.67	Costumes	1
14627	Bob Gotthardt	Jim Lane	Kyra Tallon	1	2	3	2	2	3	13	2.17	3	12.17	Costumes	2
15167	John Kircher	Tom Apker	Olga Otrokhova	2	3	2	3	3	2	15	2.50	3	15	No Costumes	3
14165	Lisa-Marie Lane	Karen Greffe	Catherine Calvin	3	4	4	4	5	5	25	4.17	5	24.17	Costumes	4

Flying Scot Overall Results

Team #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Average	High	Final	Notes	PLACE
5323	Dave Beckett	Mike Kraft	Devika Gupta	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	1.17	2	6.17	Costumes	1
12	Ed Stacy	Allyson Giglio	Chris Wiseman	3	2	2	2	2	1	12	2.00	3	12	No Costumes	2
4468	Morris West	Philippe Guiot	Paul Rouffaer	6	3	6	3	3	3	24	4.00	6	22.00	No Costume on Crew	3
14	Mike Baldus	Barabra Ignatiev	Anne Faber	2	4	4	5	5	5	25	4.17	5	24.17	Costumes	4
11	Patrick Rottman	Larin Rottman	Jaclyn Summers	5	5	3	4	4	4	25	4.17	5	24.17	Costumes	5
4428	Catherine Schweitzer	Katie Decker	Mark Powers	7	7	5	6	6	6	37	6.17	7	36.17	Costumes	6
2619	Laura Scadurra	Ellen McCallie	Maura McCarthy	4	6	7	7	8	8	40	6.67	8	40	No Costumes	7





Upcoming Events

The *SCOW website* posts all events year round.

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Membership Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2014
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Capitol City Brewery
4001 Campbell Avenue, at the corner of
Campbell Ave and S. Quincy Street
Arlington, Virginia 22206

DID YOU KNOW...

There's **TONS OF FREE PARKING AFTER 5:00 pm** in the well lit garage on S. Quincy Street, just around the corner, next to the BB&T Bank. *Here's a map!*

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 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Bring your non-member-but-interested friends and enjoy an opportunity to reconnect after a long cold winter.

Racing Rules Seminar

Beginning February, registration is required! See page 2 of this newsletter for more details
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Old Town Meeting Room at
The Royal Restaurant (*map*)
734 N St Asaph St., in Alexandria
(703) 548-1616

See page 2 of this newsletter for Seminar dates and register for these lively small group events. Come early for happy hour and dinner!

Re Up Brunch!

Sunday, March 9, 2014
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Colonies in McLean, VA

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

- Renew your membership.
- Sign up for the awesome training classes (be there early to help set up before class sign ups.)
- 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, as seen at the fabulously successful After Glow Party in January! Help is needed for set-up, clean-up, omelet cooks, bartenders. Think about how you can help, and contact Chris at social@scow.org.

Spring Maintenance Day

Saturday, March 15, 2014
Rain Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Washington Sailing Marina

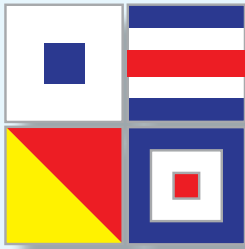
Come down to the marina for coffee and donuts before we get to work on our fleet. Members can fulfill their volunteer obligation to the club while keeping our fleet safe and in good shape.

Wednesday Night Pick-up Races

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
4:00 pm - dark

There is life after winter! Join us for the return of the informal but always educational Flying Scot races in the lagoon. Races run every week on Wednesday nights through October 8th.





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2014 Officers

Commodore	Chris Tindal	commodore@scow.org
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River/Bay Director	Kristine Sadusky	river@scow.org
Racing Director.....	Julian Mallett	racing@scow.org
Membership Director	Barbara Thacker	membership@scow.org

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Many Thanks to the New Board, Now Let's Put Them To Work!

The New Year is in full swing, Re-Up is on the horizon, and next month we'll have a chance to get together at the marina for Spring Maintenance Day and get back into the sailing state of mind. In the mean time, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for your new board and the club!

Is Your Info Current?

In preparation for an updated membership directory, please take a minute right now to do the following:

Visit scow.org, then scroll down and log in. Luis has kindly made a link to assist you if you've forgotten your password. Click on the link **view profile at the bottom left of the page** and make any updates that need to be made to your entry. If your status says "lapsed", please send me a [message](#) so that I can correct it.

Based on feedback from members, directory entries will include your name, e-mail address and phone number(s). If you want your name only to appear in the directory, please [send me a message](#) and let me know. Be sure to include your full name somewhere in the message, as it is not always obvious who is writing based on the e-mail address.

41 more days until spring!

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