

To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.
- Pearl S. Buck

The Newsletter of the
Sailing Club of Washington

January 2015

Commodore's Log

Luis Rivas, Commodore

Ahoy SCOW,

Greetings, Happy New Year and welcome to another great sailing year with SCOW! If you have not yet had a chance, please join me in congratulating the incoming Board. They are working hard behind the scenes planning activities so SCOW can continue to operate smoothly. Vice Commodore Dave Beckett is working hard to coordinate membership meetings while Racing Director Julian Mallet is putting the final touches on SCOW's Winter Seminar Series. Treasurer Mike Hooban is busy working on a new 2015 budget and Afterglow preparations are under way with Social Director Amy Deckelbaum. Barbara Thacker is still making sure ChanNels is published on a regular basis and she is also in the role of Secretary for the year. Training Director Jonathan Thron is polishing off the training schedule for this year's aspiring skippers and Skipper Director Rob Reuter will be equally busy certifying these new SCOW graduates. River Bay Director Kristine Sadusky is planning a great year of River activities and Membership Director Elisabeth Graham will soon be very busy renewing and processing SCOW memberships. Last but not least, Maintenance Director Jim Talley is ensuring the SCOW fleet is in ship shape

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Cold Water Sailing Safety

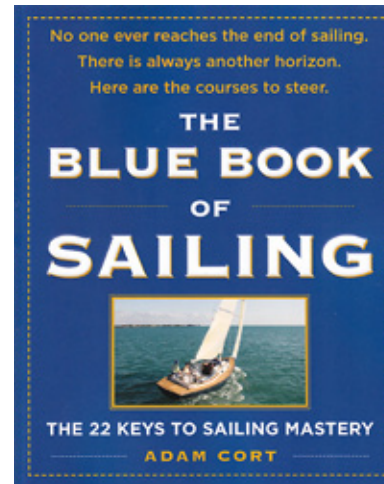
It's important to recognize the unique dangers associated with winter sailing and to know what to do to avoid tragedy. For more information visit <http://spinsheet.com/winter-wise-cold-water-sailing/>

Something to look forward to...

Get ready for **The Afterglow**, SCOW's winter pot luck party! Come with a dish or pay \$10. Saturday, January 10th 2015, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm at The Colonies Condominium Clubhouse ([map](#)) 7621 Provincial Drive, McLean, VA 22102. See the [online calendar](#) for more details!

Book Review

Curl up with a good sailing book over the chilly months ahead! What's your favorite sailing tome? Consider sharing it on the member's forum on scow.org. Log in, go to the Member's Section and visit the Forum Topics where you can share your favorite sailing adventure or get a good recommendation. Here's my current read:

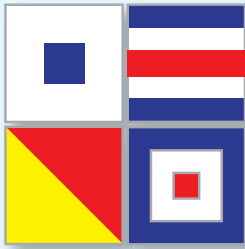


The Blue Book of Sailing The 22 Keys to Sailing Mastery

by Adam Cort

Great information found in this illustrated easy read, which delves into why things happen to a boat in the wind, and how to harness the characteristics of the boat to your advantage. A wide variety of topics include the principles of sail shape, helm balance and steering with the sails alone make this a great learning opportunity. You'll pick it up and reference it again and again.. love this book!

Available on Amazon.com



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for 2015. We are hard on our boats and having done his job in the past, I know it is not easy. Please contact any board member if you are interested in helping out SCOW in any area. Remember we are an all volunteer organization.

With regard to volunteers, help me extend a big thank you to the three main award recipients at the 2014 Hail and Farewell event. The "Ellie Abramson Award" for outstanding service to the club over an extended period was awarded to Barbara Thacker. The "Al Blankfield Award" for outstanding service to the club during the past year was awarded to Dick Vida. And, the "Woodie Woodside Award" for promoting sailing by sharing his/her love of sailing through example, mentoring and service to the club was awarded to Jan Earle. Thank you Barbara, Dick and Jan. These three members, together with countless others are the true fabric that makes SCOW such a great club.

Last, let me thank the 2014 Commodore Chris Tindal. Under his watch the club continued to run smoothly and grow last year. With the help of the Boat Asset Committee Chair, Alex White, SCOW welcomed a sixth Flying Scot to the fleet. In addition, all Flying Scots were outfitted with new North Sails. The racing program grew from the previous year and new members joined the skipper family. Sunset Raft-ups were held and membership increased. The boats were impeccably maintained and

social sails were a success. Members reunited at the Re-Up and had fun at Hail and Farewell. All in all, it was a great year and needless to say I am ready for a repeat.

Looking forward to a great year and see you soon on the water, Luis.

From the Vice Commodore *Dave Beckett, Vice Commodore*

Happy New Year Sailing Club of Washington!

We had a great year as a club in 2014 and I'm looking to another great year in 2015. We've already put together a full slate of seminars for the winter months and are working on the schedule of activities for the year. If you have ideas for things you'd like to see the club do this year, let the Board of Directors know. Keep in mind that it's a volunteer organization, so ideas that are accompanied by your commitment to take an active role in planning and execution are more likely to happen.

It takes effort to keep the club running. We are blessed with a solid core group of volunteers, but we need more club members to take an active role. Everybody has some gift or skill that can make a difference, even if it's not directly related to sailing. The Board of Directors will reach out to the membership periodically for input and support. Think about how you can contribute.



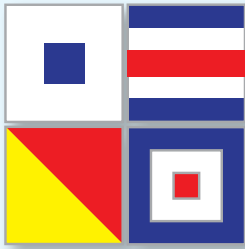
Vice Commodore Dave Beckett and Commodore Luis at the Hail & Farewell Party in November.

As Vice Commodore, I feel responsible for providing leadership in certain areas that are critical for the health and longevity of the club. I'm sure other things will present themselves, but the following are my top priority focus areas going into 2015.

- SCOW relationship with Washington Sailing Marina and Indigo Landing management
- Standardization of fittings and rigging on our Flying Scots
- Recruiting more trainers for long term sustainment of the training program
- Invigorating membership meetings

Sailing season is right around the corner. Stay safe. See you at the winter seminars and on the water, Dave.





U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Great Training at a Great Price!

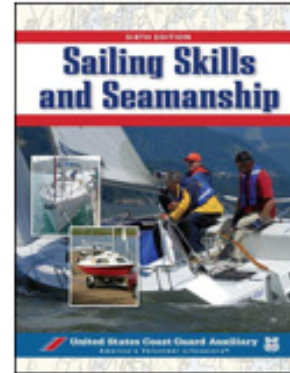
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The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers some great training classes during the winter months. Take a course and be ready for spring! Here are two offerings coming up very soon:

For a complete list of classes in this area visit http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php

Sailing Skills and Seamanship

Beginning January 7th and running for 10 weeks, this is a comprehensive course that will prepare a sailor with the basic information needed to operate sailboats under a variety of conditions. The course book has been fully updated and the course is NASBLA approved.

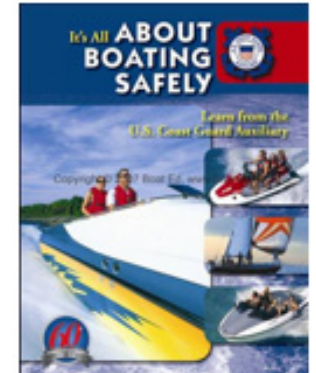


Topics include: What is a sailboat; how a boat sails; sailboat maneuvering; legal requirements; aids to navigation; rigging; handling; tuning and heavy weather; navigation rules; marlinspike seamanship; sailboat engines; trailering; weather; radiotelephone; inland waterways, locks, and dams; and piloting.

Course Cost is just \$25.00! For more information and to register visit http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=14090

About Boating Safely

This beginner one-day boating class will be held in Alexandria, VA and will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. This class will also satisfy the requirement for safety certification if you are interested in becoming a SCOW skipper!



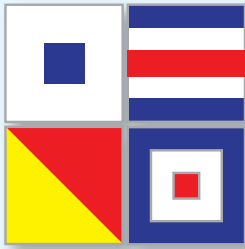
If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the in classroom (seminar) version of our popular online boating course.

Course Cost is just \$40.00! For more information and to register visit http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=13997

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Get Ready for the Return of SCOW's Winter Seminar Series

Back by popular demand is the Winter Seminar Series, put together by the tireless efforts of Race Director Julian Mallett. Check out the variety of great subjects and presenters that will be offered this year, note the dates and watch for details on how to register (mandatory!) for these very popular and informative events!

Locations and times are to be confirmed, stay tuned for details!

For more information: Julian Mallett, Racing Director (617) 943-7884 or email racing@scow.org

Registration will be open soon on scow.org!

Above right: Dave Beckett and son, Jim Klein and crew ahead, led by Julian Mallett and Dick Vida at the start. Strong gusting winds, with all boats reefed, for an exciting end to the fall racing series. Photo by Kevin Longenbach.

Below: Tess and Peter drop the marks in preparation for a race. Photo by N. Marie Brennan.



Subject	Speaker
Skipper & Crew Development	Dave Becket (Vice Commodore, SCOW)
ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (Fleet Racing)	Dave Beckett (Vice Commodore, SCOW)
Sail tuning and performance	Brain Hayes (North Sails)
Strategy (Fleet Racing)	Mike Callahan (Head Coach, Georgetown University)
Tactics (Fleet Racing)	Kristen Berry (Director, JWorld, Annapolis)
District Level Racing and Events	Dave Neff (District Governor, FSSA)
Race Committee Orientation	Nabeel Alsalam (PRO—PRSA) Terry Mallett (SCOW) Peter Stenzel (SCOW)
Skiff Orientation (Small group, on water)	Julian Mallett

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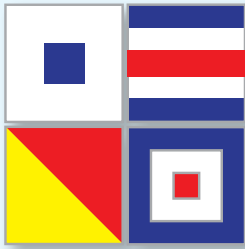
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2014 Hail & Farewell Fun

Photos by Chris McGraw and Esther Yong

A large well dressed crowd gathered to mark the end of another year of sailing at the annual Hail & Farewell, held on November 22nd. Volunteers were honored, thanks were given to the 2014 Board, and the 2015 Board was introduced. All enjoyed this chance to get out of their sailing caps and gloves and into some formalwear, all made possible by the extraordinary planning efforts of Luis and Jan Rivas and Terry Mallet. See page 6 for a complete list of our 2015 board members.

To view more pictures, and a thank you to George Clark for maintaining an image archive of our fun, visit <https://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington/HailAndFarewell2014#>



(above) New Commodore Luis Rivas slips into the coat, hat soon to follow.

(below) The party was in full swing as members and guests danced the night away.



Barb Thacker was the recipient of this year's Ellie Abramson Award. Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club over an extended period.

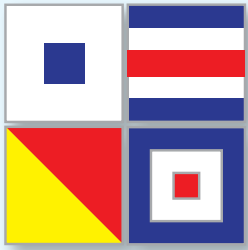
Dick Vida was the recipient of this year's Al Blankfield Award. Awarded annually for outstanding service to the club during the past year.

Jan Earle was the recipient of this year's 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.

Curious about the history of these awards?

Log in and visit http://scow.org/SCOW-Awards_Commodores/





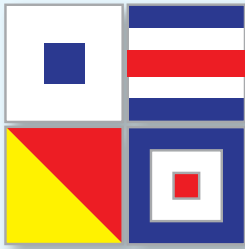
15th Annual Parade Lights

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A few hardy souls braved the rain and wind aboard Hiatus on December 6, 2014 to represent SCOW in the annual Parade of Lights. The parade takes place along the Potomac waterfront with two judging stations, one on the Virginia side in Old Town Alexandria and the other across the river near the Southwest Waterfront in DC. Our boat's weather appropriate theme "Foggy, Soggy, Christmas" was accented by the special effects of an on board crew member who also functioned as an electrician making it rain by flipping the switch on the blue lights for a stellar and budget-friendly animation effect. The singing, cider-sipping, crew pleased the crowd and judges alike with their holiday spirit and sense of humor. Hiatus won the prize for "Hardest Souls." Special thanks to our skipper Jonathan Thron for a wonderful winter adventure and to John Imparato for helping to coordinate this event and make it a super fun program every year. It's a crowd favorite, and it's very generous to its participants through excellent sponsorships. Additionally, congratulations to our marina neighbor on G-Dock, Dave Easter, and his boat Firefly, which won at least 2 prizes, including a Crowd Favorite for the fantastic "Seven Swans a Swimming" theme. We all had a wonderful time repressing SCOW. This is a very fun event. If you're a cruiser skipper and have never sailed in the Parade, consider doing so next year, there are several members who can offer assistance if you are interested.





Member is Awarded Boat of the Year Award by the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club

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This year at the annual Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) Awards Dinner, vessel *We Few* was voted “Boat of the Year” for the non-spin fleet. SCOW member Bill Davenport, her owner and Skipper, accepted this first time honor, in addition to the DISC Cruising Boat Award for traveling to distant ports for races.

Bill also competes weekly, on Tuesday evenings in DISC’s races. Scores are totaled at the end of the 6-week series and a fleet of approximately 12 compete in the Non-Spin fleet. Bill also was recognized and received trophies for the following DISC races:

- First Place - Spring Series 1 and 2;
- First Place - Summer Series 1 and 2; and
- Second Place - Fall Series;

Bill also won the following:
First Place - Fall Classic Saturday Series.
Second Place - Windy Frostbite Regatta.

We Few is crewed by many SCOW members, including:

- Duy Huynh
- Fred Guillermet
- Jolie Rotter
- Julian Mallet
- Josh Sharp
- Sebastian Durand
- Barry Yatt
- Stephane Samoska

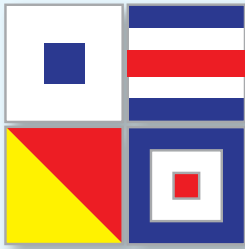


I am so Honored by these awards and thank SCOW for the support over the year by it’s Board and general membership. I’ll continue to train and support our SCOW members in this terrific sport of ours.
- Bill Davenport

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Alexandria Circa 1952

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Thank you to member George Clark for taking on the archivist role for SCOW. George is working hard to bring order and attention to our collection of pictures on Picasa. Enjoy this terrific photo of Alexandria, circa 1952! Note the many familiar landmarks, but not the conspicuously absent Washington Sailing Marina and Woodrow Wilson Bridge. To see more historic pics of our river, visit <https://picasaweb.google.com/Sailing.Club.of.Washington/toricPhotosOfPotomacRiver>



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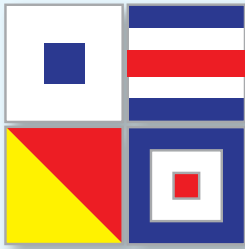
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Upcoming Events

The [SCOW website](http://www.scow.org) posts all events year round.

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Afterglow Party

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Casual Attire

The Colonies of McLean ([map](#))

7681 Provincial Dr., McLean, VA 22102

After the holidays will you be ready for a party with your sailing friends?

Join us at our annual potluck dinner (Ham and Turkey will be provided) where you bring something else delicious to share. Dishes can be homemade or bought. Members arriving empty handed will be charged \$10.

In addition to bringing yourself, your smile and a dish, please feel free to bring games, music, musical instruments, your dancing shoes, or anything else you would like to share with your fellow SCOW members.

Remember, volunteers make the magic happen! Please consider staying and helping us pack up at the end of the party.

Re Up Brunch

Sunday, March 1, 2015

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Casual Attire

The Colonies of McLean ([map](#))

7681 Provincial Dr., McLean, VA 22102

Renew, sign up, join, eat, drink, be merry! More details to come.

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