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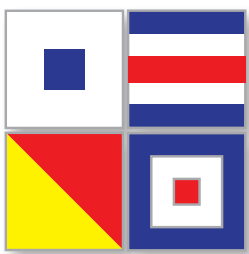
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## Commodore's Log

LUIS RIVAS, COMMODORE



With November here, we are counting down the days to Hail and Farewell. This year, we have a record number in attendance with 95+ members. I am looking forward to the opportunity to express my many thanks to all the many volunteers that make our club so great!

With volunteers in mind, a few weeks ago we had a great maintenance day event – also with record attendance. Many thanks to all who participated and our Maintenance Director Jim Talley for keeping us all organized and on task.

The online voting response rate to the 2015 election has been fantastic. We had over 200 members vote online – yet perhaps another record. If you are a member in good standing and did not yet cast a vote, consider attending our Annual Meeting on November 3rd. Also remember that we have a bylaw revision on this year's ballot. Meeting location and time is listed on our calendar in the website home page.

Our Racing program ended last week and needless to say we had a fantastic year thanks to our Racing

Director Julian and a great number of volunteers that made the racing program possible. Without a doubt, many of us are looking forward to next year to renew our competitive spirit.

Last but not least, please remember to wear a PFD through April 30 - regardless of wind or weather conditions. See you all around the marina and Happy Thanksgiving!

Fair winds, Luis

# Fall Maintenance Day

JIM TALLEY, MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR  
PHOTOS BY RICHARD KAISER

Our Fall Maintenance Day was held on Saturday, October 17, the last maintenance day for 2015. Even though the weather was overcast and chilly, about 60 dedicated club members attended and pitched in.

~~THREE~~  
SIX CHEERS  
FOR SCOW'S  
MAINTENANCE  
DREAM TEAM:

DICK  
JULIAN  
RANDY  
JIM  
RICHARD  
JEREMY



SCOW Members, ChaNNels is your newsletter! Please send pictures of good times, ideas for stories, or share your experience with the club. [editor@scow.org](mailto:editor@scow.org)





**SCOW's STRENGTH IS  
IN OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**THEIR VARIETY OF  
SKILL SETS**

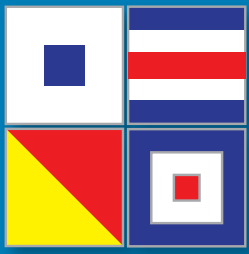
**AND DIVERSITY OF  
EXPERIENCE.**

We focused on cleaning all our boats and conducted safety inspections of standing and running rigging. The maintenance activities also included:

- Replacing or repairing any damaged or unsafe fittings and lines.
- Inspecting main sails and jibs, patching as needed.
- Inspecting Scot trailers and belly bands. Inflating tires to 60 psi.
- Washing and waxing Scot hulls.
- Inspecting safety bags and replacing missing contents.
- Updating log books.
- Washing and drying all PFDs. Replacing missing whistles.







**THANK YOU MEMBER VOLUNTEERS WHO  
WORK TO KEEP OUR FLEET ON THE WATER!**

Just a reminder, the maintenance team is still looking for a few volunteers to serve as bosuns for next year. You don't need significant maintenance experience, just a willingness to take care of one of our boats. Let me know if you're interested.

And last but not least, after two years as the club's maintenance director, I will not be serving on the board next year. I've enjoyed my time as the club's maintenance director and I look forward to assisting the newly elected board

members in the coming year.

Have a great holiday season and see you on the water.

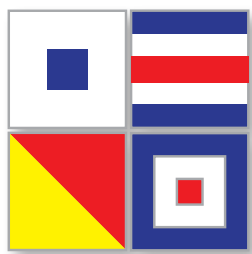
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**2015 Maintenance Director**

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## Addendum to The History Behind Dave's Cradle KARL HOBART, DISC COMMODORE

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### About the name:

Dave's Cradle was named after long time Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) member David Leising. Dave raced his Catalina 27, **Aries II**, very competitively but sometimes ended up in the Cradle attempting to avoid adverse current during our Tuesday night races. He got stuck inside the Cradle enough times that it is honored with his name. Dave is now retired and sailing on Sarasota Bay in Florida.

### About the location:

The photo in the article (ChaNNels, October 2015) is not Dave's Cradle but the remainder of the pilings that led out to the Cradle. The Cradle is the remains of the 1890's railway ferry used to move rail cars from Maryland to Alexandria (as I understand it from a

*Naval History Magazine*

article some time ago). The pilings shown in the ChaNNels article are all east the 'Danger' mark but the Cradle is out in deep water to the south which is why it is a bit of a hazard. I would suggest no one ever sail inside (i.e., east of) the 'Danger' mark. I say this with experience as I once sailed inside the 'Danger' mark in my Catalina 22, **Easy Wind**, and found out why the mark is there as the swing keel pounded against the pilings (the boat did survive just fine but I wouldn't want anyone else to have such an experience). There is a chart on the DISC website showing the location of Dave's Cradle that was sketched by long time DISC member Phil Akers who, sadly, passed away last year. The chart created by Phil and co-owner of **Split Decision**, Frank

Palermo, can be found at <http://discsailing.org/daves-cradle/>. One will see that the Cradle is a good distance from the Danger mark but by triangulating the Danger mark and Red Buoy #6 one will get a good idea of the location. Sometimes one can see the Cradle at low tide but it has to be lower than when the pilings behind the Danger mark are visible.

Another long time DISC member, Pat Williams, contacted the Coast Guard and asked for permission to place a mark at the Cradle. The USCG approved the mark but it was lost in the ice some years ago. It is a privately maintained mark which has not been replaced primarily because of cost. And now with Phil's chart everyone knows where the Cradle is located and avoids the area.

## LOCATION OF DAVE'S CRADLE

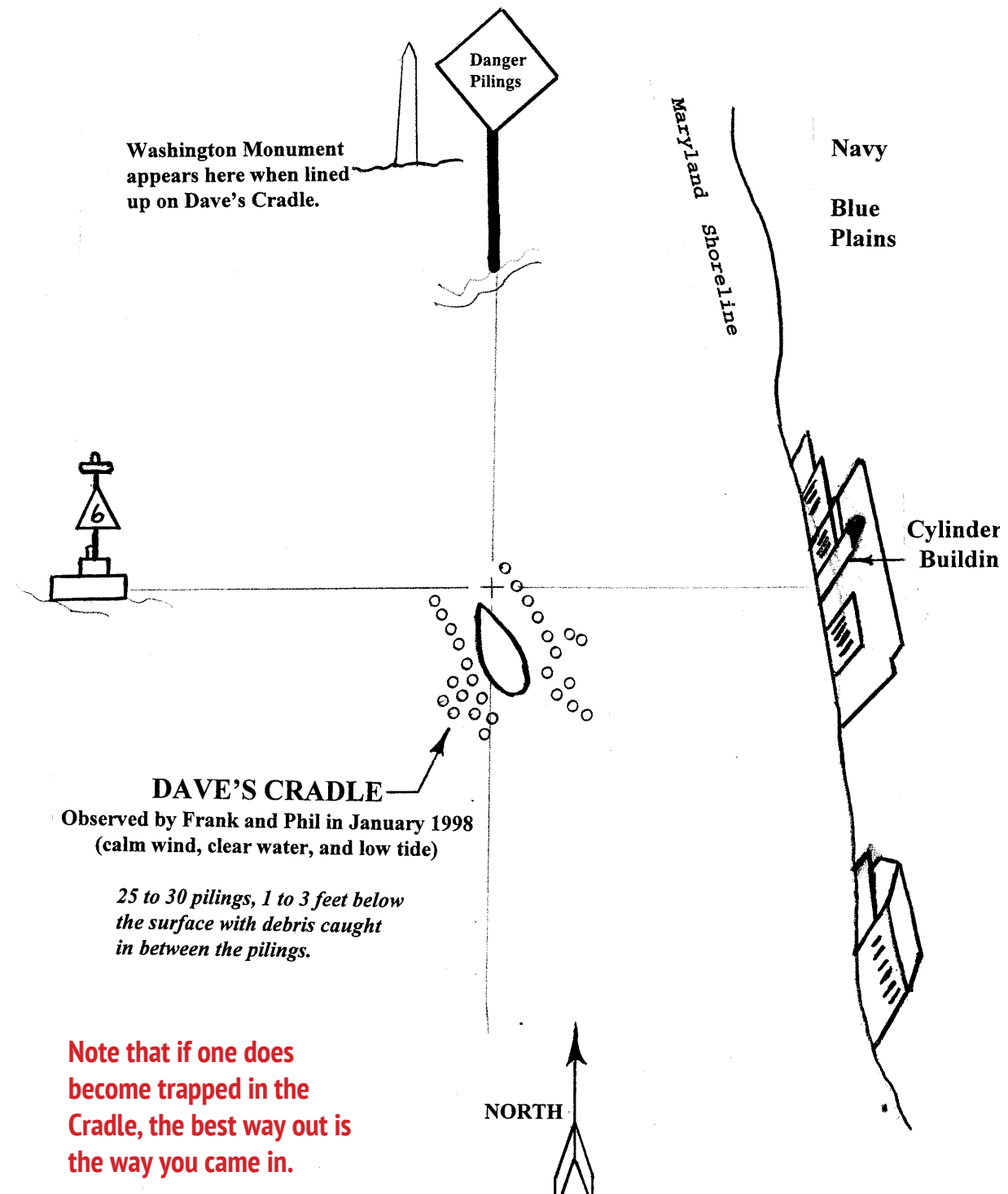
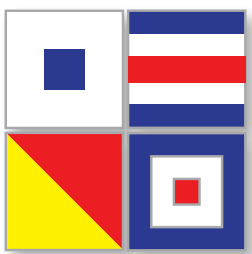


CHART CREATED BY DISC RACERS PHIL AKERS AND FRANK PALERMO, IDENTIFYING THE LOCATION OF DAVE'S CRADLE.





## The 2015 Racing Season Comes to an End

Flying Scot Race Series II ended this past Sunday, November 1st, with three races in the lagoon and an afterparty on the Afterdeck. Ten boats competed, six SCOW boats and four members owned boats. The results are shown below.

Racers and Committee Boat volunteers enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon on the water, with a brisk 12 mph wind from the south and temperatures in the mid-60s. We won't have may more days like that this year!



WITH MUCH GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER RACE COMMITTEE OFFICER AND CREW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

### Fall Series II Results

Boat	Score	Skipper	Score	Rank
<u>Blown Away</u>	5432	<u>Beckwith</u>	17	1
<u>Green Hornet</u>	2324	<u>Hooban</u>	35	2
<u>Sunset Song</u>	5323	<u>Thron</u>	47	3
<u>Firth Lady</u>	5296	<u>Warren</u>	53	4
<u>Ms Ellie</u>	2619	<u>Graham</u>	53	5
<u>Caroline</u>	5016	<u>Von G</u>	65	6
<u>Susie Q</u>	4643	<u>Decklebaum</u>	76	7
<u>Triple B</u>	4450	<u>Beckett</u>	76	8
<u>Ellise</u>	5773	<u>Prather</u>	74	9
<u>Selkie</u>	3723	<u>Longenbach</u>	87	10





THE LEGENDARY SIX-CRUISER RAFTUP, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE FLYING SCOT, CELEBRATED SUMMER AND THE FIREWORKS IN ALEXANDRIA. SKIPPERS AND CREW LEARNED TO ROLL THEIR OWN.

# 2015

**The Year In Pictures**  
WITH THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

SCOW CAME OUT TO WELCOME AND CELEBRATE A VISITOR FROM AFAR, L'HERMIONE.

ROOKIE REGATTA AND PICNIC PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY AND LEARN TOGETHER.



MANY FUN EVENINGS WERE SPENT ON THE RIVER.

FS RACE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY DAYS OF COMPETITIVE RACING THROUGH THE YEAR. JULIE PIXLER PHOTOGRAPHY



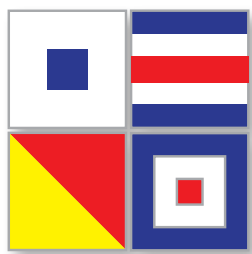
VOLUNTEERS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CLUB. JULIE PIXLER PHOTOGRAPHY



VOLUNTEERS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.







**RACING DIRECTOR JULIAN MALLETT CONGRATULATES SKIPPER BILL DAVENPORT AND CREW AFTER THEIR WIN AT THIS YEAR'S LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA.**

## We Few Finishes First In Non-Spin Class At This Year's Leukemia Cup Regatta

SCOW members crewed a boat to first place in the 2015 Leukemia Cup. Pictured here are **We Few's** happy crew Jolie Roetter, Csilla Gal and Bill Davenport, celebrating 3 first place finishes. Also pictured are Julian Mallett and Luis Rivas.

Capt. Bill said having such experienced sailors aboard made winning look easy. "We had sailed together for most of the season, so things went smoothly. Jolie's years of experience racing big boats on Lake Erie made her a shoo-in for the "Pit" position. Csilla at "Foredeck" was

moving all over the boat like a cat. With these two trimming sails, keeping the boat healed correctly and inputting tactics all I had to do was drive.

Jolie's influence of racing with her dad, a PHRF handicapper on Lake Erie, helps keep us up on the rules. Csilla's sailing ability is a given. She achieved a podium finish in the European Championship of the popular "Europe" dingy."

## Are You Being SERV'd?

ELISABETH GRAHAM, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Ever wondered why you get some SCOW emails addressed to scow-all@googlegroups.com and some addressed to you personally? Want to know what to update if you change your email address? Yes? Read on.

### SCOW's Members-Only Email List

When you join SCOW, you enter an email address on your Profile that both identifies you and lets SCOW's Board Members get in touch with you directly. Your email address is used, for example, to issue renewal reminders, send you a personal invitation to this year's Hail and Farewell party, and send a survey to Skippers.

*If your email changes, this is the one you need to update so that we can stay in touch with you.* And, you can set your Profile to show this address so that only SCOW members can search for your name and email address in the online member directory.

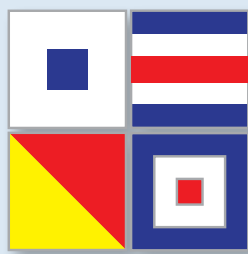
### SCOW's Public Listserv: Scow-all@googlegroups.com

The scow-all@googlegroups.com listserv is an entirely separate entity. *You are not automatically signed up for this listserv when you join SCOW; you need to actively do that yourself.* The scow-all@googlegroups.com listserv was created so that anyone who joins it can send messages to everyone on the listserv. It's used to announce crew calls, ask general sailing questions, make announcements about boats being in or out of service, tell people about boats for sale at Washington Sailing Marina,

invite members and non-members to Social Sail --- and so on. Anyone can join and many people who are not SCOW members have signed up to receive (and send) sailing-related announcements through scow-all@googlegroups.com. *If your email changes, you'll need to update this listserv too,* if you want to continue to receive and send messages.

Questions? Email me at [Membership@scow.org!](mailto:Membership@scow.org)





## Members' Contributions

While looking over two of my cruising guides, I thought these might be of interest to our members.

While I don't profess to be an authority on cruising guides, **The Williams and Heintz guide to Maryland Waters** has some good features. One is the Tidal Current Chart for the Chesapeake Bay. These are a series of charts showing current flow and direction around the clock. It makes planning a passage on the Bay easier by knowing what the current will be doing at different times of the day.

Another helpful chart is one broken up into a grid pattern, with each square equaling about 1 hour's travel time. Williams and Heintz also publishes a **Virginia CRUISING Guide**. Both cost about \$60.00 each through Amazon.

Smooth Sailing!  
**BILL DAVENPORT**

I am counting down the days for the 3D release of the movie **In The Heart Of The Sea**, the true story of the tragedy of the whaleship **Essex** in 1820.

This fabulous novel by Nathaniel Philbrick turned to movie, is directed by Ron Howard and opens in theaters on December 11, 2015. Watch your email for the announcement of this winter indoor River/Bay event!

**Super cool web site discovery of the month:**  
[windyty.com](http://windyty.com)

## What Knot?



This knot is commonly known as the Stevedore stopper knot. The Stevedore is a reliable stopper knot. The knot is moderately bulky, is easily tied, and is easier to untie than a Figure 8 Knot even after heavy loading. [Click here to learn how!](http://www.animatedknots.com/stevedore/index.php?Categ=boating&LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com) From [http://www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com/stevedore/index.php?Categ=boating&LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com)

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