



*The Newsletter of the
Sailing Club of Washington*

SAVE THE DATE
The Sailing Club of
Washington's
Re-UP Brunch 2017
will be
Sunday March 5th
10:00 am – 2:00pm



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The Colonies Clubhouse
7681 Provincial Drive
McLean, Virginia
22102

- Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities.
- There will be breakfast & lunch potluck options.
- Bring friends who might be curious about sailing ☺
- Stay safe & warm out there & we'll see you in March!

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Commodore's Log

Our relationships with one another are the glue that keeps this club together because SCOW is more than just an organization focused on sailing on sailboats. We're also about the members that make this club. While we're still a few months from spring, the warmth of SCOW friends more than compensates for the cold, wintry winds.

Our sailing community continues to be active and engaged during the off-season as many of you who attended our After Glow party can attest. Our seminar series is also well underway thanks to Jonathan Thron and Dave Beckett who kicked off the series with their seminars: Docking and Sailing Fundamentals / Crew Development, respectively. Most especially, a big thanks goes to Vice-Commodore Richard Kaiser who's been the main driving force behind these winter seminars.

As sailors, we're always affected by things that are outside of our control and so we adapt. The wind varies in direction and speed. We respond by calmly adjusting our sails and changing course as needed to get us to where we need to go.

SCOW is just as adaptive as its sailors. When Indigo Landing Restaurant informed us that they were shutting down after Feb. 5th due to renovations and that the venue would not be available to us to use for the winter seminar series, we built our partnership with West Marine and found a new venue at their store.

When we had to postpone our Racing Rules seminar at the last moment, we did a happy hour social instead and filled every bar stool at Indigo Landing Restaurant! You all amaze me at every turn, and I see great things in our future as long as everyone stays true to our values of volunteer service, community, and integrity.

If you're sitting on the sidelines, I personally challenge you to get involved and participate. You get more from the SCOW experience when you give more.

Sincerely,
 Joe Leoncio
 Commodore
 Sailing Club of Washington
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2017 Winter Seminar Series

As mentioned in the Commodore's log above, our Vice Commodore and a host of great club volunteers have put together a series of informative and entertaining seminars to keep us engaged, entertained, and educated throughout this winter's off-season. Here is the schedule. Time and locations are provided below. Many thanks to the organizers.

Subject	Speaker	Date	Location
Docking	Jonathan Thron	Thurs. 1/19	Indigo Landing
Crew and Crew Development	Dave Beckett	Wed. 1/25	Indigo Landing
Sailing Fast in Pictures	Dave Beckett	Wed. 2/8	West Marine
Racing Tactics	Mike Callahan (Head Coach Georgetown University)	Wed. 2/15	West Marine
Sail Trim, balance and Centerboard	Dave Neff (District Governor, FSSA)	Wed. 2/22	West Marine
Race Committee Orientation	Nabeel Alsalam (PRO-PRSA)	Wed. 3/1	West Marine

Subject	Speaker	Date	Location
Membership Meeting Featuring "Chartering on the Bay and Worldwide"	SCOW BOD Featured Speaker Erin Houpt – Dream Yacht Charters	Wed. 3/8	Hard Times Cafe
Solo Sail from Annapolis to DC	Janelle Kennedy	Wed. 3/15	West Marine
Other Seminar Topics We are Working on: Maintenance, Navigation, Local Waters & Local Marinas, Weather (NOAA), CG Auxiliary & Safety, Movie Night "Wind", Racing Rules, Skiff Orientation			

Time and Locations for Seminars

Time for all Seminars/Meetings	West Marine Address	Hard Times Cafe
6:00pm – 7:00pm Social Hour 7:00pm – 9:00pm Seminar/Meeting	601 S. Patrick Street Alexandria, VA 22314	1404 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Other Upcoming SCOW Events

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Re-up Brunch	Sunday, Mar. 5 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	The Colonies Clubhouse
Board of Directors Meeting	Monday, Mar. 6 th	6:30 - 9:00 pm	Royal Restaurant
SCOW membership meeting w/ featured speaker Erin Houpt of Dream Yacht Charter	Wednesday, Mar. 8 th	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Hard Times Cafe
Maintenance day	Saturday, Mar. 11 th	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	At the Marina
Maintenance day (Rain date)	Saturday, Mar. 18 th	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	At the Marina
First Social Sail of the season!	Thursday, April 6 th	6:00 – 9:00 pm	At the Marina

