

*"Don't just sit there,
sail something!"
— chery fee*



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Commodore's Log

Happy New Year! Last year was so much fun, and I'm very excited to sail on with SCOW into 2017! While we will continue to provide the sailing and social activities that are central to our mission, my intent for the new year is to promote the values of service, community, and integrity and to maintain SCOW's safety standards.

Why is this important? Our members are the most important resource that we have. Without members like you contributing their personal time and effort, we cannot possibly continue to maintain the boats, train new skippers, conduct races, host social sails, etc. Without discipline on safety, someone could get hurt or our sailboats could be damaged, which would limit our opportunities to sail. Many of you will agree that the motivation behind our most active members comes from something innate - their values.

This obviously isn't anything new, but I want to put the spotlight on this because I feel that our values are a strength that we haven't fully recognized and celebrated. I believe that if we can get all hands on deck to promote our values, then we can each have a meaningful impact on our club's culture which will improve the experience for all, increase participation, and reduce the number of policy infractions.

What we must do: We will exist as a unified sailing organization. We will strengthen our community by focusing on the individuals that make up the community. Our relationships with one another are the cornerstones of our community. If we are successful at this, we will more effectively fulfill SCOW's higher mission and we will be the best sailing club the world.

How do we do this?

- **Put people first.** Safety on the water comes first, and I'll address this frequently throughout the year because we cannot afford to have any of our members get hurt. We must treat fellow members with kindness and compassion.
- **Participate.** Help with maintenance. Help with social sail. Help with the racing committee. Help tutor and train new sailors. Show up to meetings and engage with your fellow club members.
- **Act with Integrity.** Choose the hard right over the easy wrong. Exercise discipline in your seamanship. Don't cut corners when it comes to the safety of you, your crew, and our boats.

In summary, our community and the individuals that make up this community are our greatest strength. Let's keep all of us safe and reduce our exposure to harm. Let's continue to build on that by continually promoting and celebrating the values that have driven our past achievements. We had so much fun last year, and I look forward to even more fun in 2017!

Sincerely,

[Joe Leoncio](#)

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SCOW After Glow 2017

Thank you letter from The Social Director

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to all of the spirited, hardworking, heavy-lifting, coordinating volunteers that we had show up for **After Glow 2017** this year at The Colonies Clubhouse in McLean, Virginia on January 7th, 2017.

The Crockpot Regatta winners are...

Before I jump into my big applause for all of my super helpers, I want to note that we had a 32-way tie for the Crockpot Regatta this year with: Mike Rothenberg making a spicy sought-after dish, and Joe Leoncio and Carlie Smith joined forces to make a tantalizing spicy soup as well! Thank you for whipping up some of the best food a lot of us have had in awhile!

Major spirit points & mega-watt THANK-YOU's go out to the following:

Richard Kaiser and Bernadette Yu – The SCOW Dynamic Duo – for providing our sound for the night, making a giant kale salad, bringing the SCOW banner board, setting up, and cleaning up, and for arranging the flowers! You two are spectacular!

Jonathan Thron – Thank you for checking in all day on Saturday in case we needed anything and for bringing ice!

Joe Leoncio – Thank you for the flowers! Thank you for wearing your Commodore hat with pride and MC-ing part of our shindig!

Barbara Thacker – Behind the scenes, Barbara and Patrick Thacker helped load and unload my Jeep multiple times, and providing space to store SCOW party items!

Martha Gibson for being our special raffle MC!

Fire Starters - Thank you to the two gentlemen who got the fire going at the beginning of the night! What a beautiful glow it gave to the room.

Marie Brennan – Thank you for being a wonderful check-in desk volunteer, and jumping in as SCOW photographer!

Richard Lawrence – Thank you for making the bar a well-oiled machine, and for providing all of the beautiful details needed to have drinks for every thirst!

Alice Starcke – Thank you for organizing the musicians for the night, very sorry you couldn't make it, but you still made a great impact! Thank you!

Dick Vida – Thank you for making a special trip to the marina Saturday to fetch the coffee maker, and giving us a good idea of what we have in the storage locker, on a very cold windy day – thank you!

Mike Hooban - Our fantastic treasurer, none of this would have been possible without your support, thank you for bringing the cash box, we really appreciate you!

Clean up crew extraordinaire – **Kristine Sadusky, Mike Rothenberg, Rich Chan, Jonathan Thron, Brian McPherson**, and many others – WOW! I had a great sense of pride when I drove home at 12:30 am on Saturday – you rock!

Check-in desk folks – Joe Leoncio, Marie Brennan, Richard Kaiser, Mike Hooban, Martha Gibson, and Bernadette Yu – thank you for being a friendly face as SCOW members joined the party!

Set-up crew dynamos – Sue Beffel, Brian McPherson, Tim Bliss, and Bernadette Yu – you guys handled the dining room and kitchen area with such quickness, it was beautiful – thank you!

Thom Unger – Thank you Thom for assisting during the raffle give away, you were a great help!

Patrick Thacker – Thank you for your muscles when I didn't have any, to load up my car at the end of the night – I so appreciated your time and vacuuming skills!

Jonathan Thron, Marie Brennan, Ray Vanero, Alice Starcke, Kristine Sadusky, Talya Mallin, Mike Hooban, and Jim Talley – Thank you all for bringing beautiful desserts!

Norma Amador – Thank you for bringing such fantastic flan – people raved about it!

Kathy Sullivan, Esther Massey, and Ana Areias, Sue Beffel, Valerie Pelton, Martha Gibson, Marie Brennan, Rich Chan, Donna Davis, Nancy Brown, Chris Tindal, and Kristen Cashin – Thank you for bringing side dishes that everyone loved on such a cold night! Because of all of you, we have a big offering at the party.

Brian McPherson – Thank you for jumping in and arranging our flower vases for the tables! You also did a great job of setting up the dining room, thank-you!

Bartenders – Thank you all for pouring drinks, keeping the ice stocked, creating concoctions, and spicing up the evening – you were all fantastic!

Tree Martschink & Jeff Teitel – thank you both for the behind the scenes work! Because of, our memberships lists are now up-to-date, and the board email addresses are activated. These were essential tasks in order to sign up volunteers and advertise the details for the After Glow event, thank you for your time!

Collage of activities at the SCOW After Glow party on January 7th. Photos by Julie Pixler.

