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COMMODORE'S LOG

BY RICHARD KAISER

I hope this edition of ChaNNels finds you well.

All things considered; we had a pretty busy July. Wednesday Night Racing drew good numbers of sailors with some pretty spirited racing. Our Racing Director, **Dave Beckett** and his stand in, **Chip Lubsen**, on another Wednesday night, kept the races going from the first horn till sundown with these boats scheduled to race on the 15th: Elisse, Selkie, Sunset Song, Ms. Ellie, Double D, Lively, Luna, U2, Jeanette, Hornet, Adios, Firth Lady, Triple B, and Little Michael. My take-away from this long list of boats racing is that we left 2 Club boats at the dock! There is definitely room for more sailors on the starting line - no racing experience required! Come out and join the fun. Thanks to our Racing Director for helping many of us get back on the water.

Our Vice Commodore, **Brian McPherson**, organized a very cool weather presentation with **Alex Liggitt**, Executive Weather Producer for ABC's WJLA TV (wjla.com/station/people/alex-liggitt). Alex shared a wealth of information regarding our local weather and the mechanics of weather and the formation of storms. While not a sailor himself, Alex reviewed many of our favorite weather apps and gave us clues in the sky to keep us safe. It's also nice to see that he's not just another talking head, but truly loves his work and sharing weather information with others - he thinks of himself as a true weather nerd! This was really a very enjoyable and informative presentation - thank you to Brian for coordinating this meeting for the Club.

Not to be outdone, Our River and Bay Activities Director, **Carlie Smith**, coordinated a super informative presentation on chartering. Carlie's guest speaker was SCOW member **Matt Smith**, also the founder of the DC Sailing Community (dcsailingcommunity.com). Topics in Matt's fast-moving presentation included: Where the group has already chartered; The question of Bareboat vs. Captained charters; Skipper requirements & certifications; and the benefits and fun of a DCSC

Flotilla group charters in the islands. Our many thanks to Matt Smith and Alex Liggett for very enjoyable evenings and presentations.

And in conclusion, a quick update on our operating status - The SCOW COVID Task Force is recognizing the significant uptick in infections around the DMV and is not able to loosen up sailing limitations at this time. Please stay vigilant and show your respect for others by wearing face coverings and maintaining appropriate social distance.

Stay well.

Richard Kaiser, Commodore



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JULY WEATHER

BY TIM BLISS

It's been difficult enough dealing with the Coronavirus and the restrictions, but we've also had an incredibly stormy month of July preventing us from going out on more than one occasion. However storms make for some very good photos, which is some compensation.



JULY 1ST



JULY 11TH



JULY 12TH



JULY 21ST



JULY 21ST

SCOW 2020 BUDGET

BY MIKE HOOBAN, TREASURER

This is the budget as approved by the SCOW Board in February of this year and subsequently confirmed in July. There remain open questions regarding things like the *Hail & Farewell* event, and many other elements of the budget are still in flux due to the impact of Covid-19. The board will monitor the status of our finances and will try to do a sensible budget update when the circumstances become clearer. In the meantime, it appears we can continue to operate without incurring great financial risk.



2020 Budget

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT (\$)
INCOME	
Boatique Sales	0
Interest Income	400
Member Dues	22500
Other Income	100
Skipper Fees	19500
<i>Social Activities:</i>	
Afterglow party	200
Hail and Farewell	4000*
Miscellaneous	
Total Social Income	200
Training	18500
Total Income	61200
EXPENSES	
<i>Administration:</i>	
Miscellaneous	750
Bank Charge	2000
Bonding	400
Supplies	750
Total Admin:	3900
Awards	1000
<i>Communication:</i>	
Meeting Room, etc.	1000
Printing (Directory)	100
Publicity/Door Prizes, etc.	500
Web Site	2000
Total Communication:	3600
<i>Fleet Operations:</i>	
Scot Maintenance	5000
Cruiser Maintenance	5000
Insurance	11000
Registration	250
Slip Fees	19500
Fleet Memberships	500
Other	500
Total Fleet Ops:	41750
Tax	400
<i>Member Services/Social:</i>	
Afterglow party	1100
Hail and Farewell	10000*
Re-Up Brunch	1800
River Activities	200
Maintenance Day	800
Social Sails	3000
Rookie Regatta	
Total Social Activity :	6900
Racing	2500
Training	3500
Total Expense	63550
Net (Income minus Expenses)	-2350

* Hail & Farewell to be determined in light of Covid 19 outcomes.

SKIPPER'S CORNER

BY CHIP LUBSEN, SKIPPER CERTIFICATION DIRECTOR

New SCOW Skipper

Congratulations to **Larry Pfeifle** - Scot Skipper Thank you to Tutor **Tim Bliss** and Checkout Skipper **Joe Leoncio**.

Correction: Checkout Skipper for **Eric Schmidt** in June was **Joe Leoncio**. Thanks Joe!



LARRY ON A PRE-CHECKOUT RUN THROUGH WITH TIM

2020 Skipper Counts

As of July 31, we have 111 individual skippers certified for 2020, up 4 from a month ago. 101 of them are Scot skippers and 51 are cruiser skippers, while 41 are certified for both. In 2019 we had a total of 133 individual skippers.

Skipper Candidates A few skipper candidates are moving ahead toward their water checkout, tapping into limited tutor availability. Three candidates are awaiting checkout (two on cruisers, one on Scots). If you have not already, please let me know your intentions and estimated timing for 2020. Please email me at skipper@scow.org. Forward progress will be challenging under the circumstances, but we will do our best to support your 2020 goals.

HOT, HOT WEATHER - PLEASE STAY WELL HYDRATED!!

A Couple of Capsizes

Two SCOW skippers with single crew members have capsized this season. The first incident involved Caroline while tacking down the Four Mile Run Channel into a brisk and gusty south wind. The skipper had the main sheet cleated and capsized immediately after a tack when hit by a formidable gust. He commented that the capsize was seemingly instantaneous.

Lesson Learned: In breezy/gusty conditions a cleated mainsheet can be perilous! Had the skipper been able to play out the mainsheet in concert with the gust, he and crew probably would have stayed dry.

The second incident involved *Elise* getting slammed by a forceful pop-up squall while sailing in the lagoon. The skipper saw the fast approaching squall, approaching from ESE, but was unable to get to the docks before it hit and wisely headed to the center of the lagoon to ride it out, recognizing the dangers of the leeward shore. The skipper was over-matched by wind gusts over 30 knots which arrived with torrential rain.

Lessons Learned: Head to the docks sooner seems obvious - but observers noted they'd never seen a pop-up storm develop so quickly at WSM. Perhaps anchoring in place with doused sails would have prevented the incident - but trying to get the anchor to hold in silt against very strong force could have resulted in an unwanted tangle with the lee shore. Perhaps heaving-to and reefing the main could have been helpful. Raising the board most of the way would have been helpful, along with flogging/trimming the main and jib in an effort to stay pointed somewhat upwind. In both incidents the skipper and crew were wearing PFDs. Both skippers handled the situation with calm and diligence and complied with SCOW procedures for incident reporting.

Sail Safe - Chip

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BY TONI COLE, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Ahoy!

Wow, we have a number of newcomers to the club this month! We welcome you all and hope you are taking advantage of Wednesday Night Racing (WNR). New members this month include **Marla Diaz, Vicente Bobadilla Riquelme, Anne Lamb, Bryan S. Lamb and sons, Christie Lee, Cassidy Morrison, Andy Price, Viviana Maya and sons, David Ernst, Jennifer Ernst, Ben Ernst, Eva Estrada, Harry Sernaker, Anastasia Karimova, Michael Morrison, A. Matt Piazza** and **Yusuf Capar!**

Renewal season is officially closed. All members that did not renew by August 1 have been archived and removed from our database. Members, if you have friends that are wondering why they are no longer receiving emails or being invited to our fun, please let them know to reach out to me, membership@scow.org, and get their status reinstated by paying their dues and signing our membership agreement.

For now, I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. Looking forward to getting a sail or two or three in this month!

SUMMER READING

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF MANGOES: A CARIBBEAN INTERLUDE

BY ANN VANDERHOOF

Under the Tuscan Sun meets the wide-open sea. A delicious chronicle of leaving the type-A lifestyle behind and discovering the seductive secrets of life in the Caribbean.

AS LONG AS IT'S FUN, THE EPIC VOYAGES AND EXTRAORDINARY TIMES OF LIN AND LARRY PARDEY

BY HERB MCCORMICK

Light, fun reading about a sailing traditionalist's journeys around the world. Also a great intro to other books and stories by Lin and Larry Pardey.

RED SKY IN MOURNING: A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, LOSS, AND SURVIVAL AT SEA

BY TAMI OLDHAM ASHCRAFT

A true-life adventure story with page-turning suspense, remarkable acts of courage, wrenching despair, and a triumphant, life-affirming ending.

SEAFARING WOMEN: ADVENTURES OF PIRATE QUEENS, FEMALE STOWAWAYS, AND SAILORS' WIVES

BY DAVID CORDINGLY

For centuries, the sea has been regarded as a male domain, but in this illuminating historical narrative, maritime scholar David Cordingly shows that an astonishing number of women went to sea in the great age of sail.

AUGUST EVENTS

3 | SCOW BOD MEETING | 7-9PM

ONLINE

5, 12, 19, 26 | WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING | 6PM

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