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COMMODORE'S LOG

BY RICHARD KAISER



Check out the HAPPY NEW YEAR message from our fearless leader!



JANUARY EVENTS

**6 | SCOW BOD MEETING
7-9PM**

**THE ROYAL | 730 N ST. ASAPH ST.
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22341**

**11 | AFTERGLOW
7-11PM**

**THE COLONIES OF MCLEAN
7681 PROVINCIAL DR, MCLEAN, VA**

SKIPPER'S CORNER

BY CHIP LUBSEN, SKIPPER CERTIFICATION DIRECTOR

SKIPPER PROSPECTS UPDATE

Four skipper candidates (two for the Scots, two for the Cruisers) are ready for checkout. Unless we have some unusually balmy weather these checkouts will probably occur in the spring. The Skipper Prospect List is currently being refreshed. If you have already confirmed your intentions for 2020 with me via email, thanks! If you have not, please do so – I sent emails to Flying Scot and Cruiser skipper candidates that I had not heard from in quite some time, back on December 18. Please let me know how I can help if you feel stuck. Contact me at skipper@scow.org. If you and I have not already communicated and you are planning to pursue certification in 2020, please send me an email so I can add you to the list and begin to support your effort. I look forward to helping you achieve your goal of becoming a SCOW certified skipper! Please write to skipper@scow.org and title your email Skipper Prospect.



Peace

COLD, COLD WATER

The water is now officially cold. To reacquaint yourself with the perils of sailing in cold water you could review **THIS ARTICLE with VIDEO** that was included in the Flying Scot *Rub Off the Rust* materials this year.

IDEA TIME

HOW CAN SCOW BETTER SERVE THE NEEDS OF CURRENT AND ASPIRING SKIPPER? PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS TO ME AT SKIPPER@SCOW.ORG. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR YOUR INPUT!

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DISCOVERIES ON THE BAY

PART ONE OF A TWO PART SERIES

BY JOE WARREN

I haven't day sailed on the Bay since 2003 so I was looking forward to day sailing from Selby Bay Sailing Center in 2018. Best time to bring a boat to Selby Bay is before the Summer Solstice. Since the sailing center is owned privately I was able to get a pro-rata share of the annual slip fee for two weeks.

Both day sails in 2018 were with **Andrew Price** who has been sailing/racing with me for two years. Actual winds of 5-7 mph for our first sail in mid-June got us to Turkey Point and back, about one and a half miles from the sailing center. Turkey Point is at the end of peninsula that juts out into the South river. Many beautiful mansions along the shore; they were spared when the Hurricane Isabel came up through northern VA in 2003 as a tropical storm. On June 30 it was 93 degrees at the sailing center, but at Thomas Point Lighthouse it was only 84. We were blessed with 9-11 mph winds passing Turkey Point powering the boat along at about 6 kt; it felt so cool we decided to sail off Thomas Point Park (not the Lighthouse).

Sailing on the Bay in a Scot for the first time I found it sailed much better than a Lightning which is the same length.



THE AUTHOR WITH CREW MEMBER ESTHER MASSEY



ANDREW PRICE, PHOTOGRAPHER AND CREW MEMBER



LEAVING SELBY BAY SAILING CENTER

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DISCOVERIES ON THE BAY

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The Scot easily cuts through waves of a foot -- normal chop -- and heels less. The Lightning pounds when hitting waves and heels more, requiring constant attention. As we arrived back at the dock **Dave Beckett** and his wife were preparing to leave for a 10 nautical mile sail on the Bay. Wow!

Trailer light problems prevented me from sailing in the Summer Solstice in 2019 so I was determined to day sail again. Winds on Aug 31 picked up to 12 mph from SE. This was just glorious as we cut through the chop going at least 7-8 kt on a reach to Thomas Point Lighthouse. From that position the Bay looked so vast and our boat so small. What a contrast with the Potomac -- 7 of the 9 Wednesday races in July and August were canceled due to one weather factor or another. **Esther Massey** who has also crewed for me in races was with us and Andrew took pictures. This turned out to be the best day sail I have ever had. Andrew told me it was the best day sail he has ever had.

BE SURE TO CHECK BACK NEXT MONTH FOR PART II AND FIND OUT HOW JOE RECOVERED THE FLYING SCOT PRESIDENT'S CUP TROPHY!



CUTTING THROUGH THE CHOP

AFTERGLOW

Saturday, January 11th, 7 to 11pm

The Colonies of McLean
7681 Provincial Dr., McLean, VA

Come celebrate the New Year with all your favorite SCOW friends. Enter the Crock-Pot Regatta Contest, or come play some fun board games!

Cost: \$10/pp*

This is a Member's only event

Crock Pot Regatta: Sign up on **SignUpGenius** and keep your dish a secret for the judges! Please bring an index card/paper with ingredients listed.

Looking to volunteer or bring food? Please **click here for the SignUpGenius link.**

*Folks that sign up ahead of time to volunteer or bring a dish will be FREE.

FLYING SCOT MAINTENANCE

BY DANA HOWE, MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR FS

Boat usage and maintenance drift into hibernation as the temperature drops so not much to report in the way of maintenance. The big news is that we donated Susie Q to an outfit up in Pennsylvania called Friends of Yellow Creek. They have a small sailing training program and had posted on the Flying Scot Sailing Association website that they were looking for a Flying Scot to add to their fleet. I for one am relieved as Susie Q had a number of issues that would have required substantial investment. In the coming months we will be looking at candidates to replace her. More to come in 2020!

I went to Deer Park, MD, home of Flying Scot Inc. over the Thanksgiving holiday and got the grand tour. Forgot to take pictures, I was so excited to be there, and now wish I had. Got to see the molds they use to make the Flying Scot - the very same molds that all of our Flying Scots came out of. They are still making close to 20 new boats a year and there have been well over 6,000 boats made!

I'm happy that the days are getting longer now. It's only a matter of weeks until warm weather takes us back down to the water. I'd rather say it's only a matter of weeks than months!



SO LONG SUSIE Q! DANA HOWE PREPARES SUSIE Q FOR TRANSFER TO FRIENDS OF YELLOW CREEK PHOTO CREDIT RICHARD KAISER



L TO R: KEN SHERWOOD (YELLOW CREEK), DANA HOWE, MIKE HOOBAN PHOTO CREDIT RICHARD KAISER

20 Number of boats Flying Scot builds each year

1998 The year the Flying Scot was inducted into the American Sailboat Hall of Fame

850 Weight, in lbs, of a Flying Scot, all up

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BY TONI COLE, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

As SCOW's new membership director, I am already looking forward to Wednesday Night Races starting sometime in April and getting to know many more of you! Let's not get ahead of ourselves though, we have many get togethers between now and then, starting with "After Glow" on January 11th. **Marico & Heather Hawes** joined us as new members in December, so please help me welcome them if you see them at the party!

As you create your "goals" list for 2020, I hope you prioritize making the most of your SCOW membership this coming year and join us out on the water and around town as much as you can.

The renewal portal will be available to existing members starting February 1st and I hope you take advantage of our streamlined online system by logging into the member's area at www.scow.org.

If you need any help, feel free to reach out with questions to membership@scow.org.

Lastly, be sure to Save the Date for Re-Up Brunch on Sunday, March 8th, although, I encourage you to renew your membership before then the easy way - online.

Happy New Year Sailors!

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SAVE THE DATE
for
RE-UP BRUNCH

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(IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

SCOW's own Team Tartan, led by past Commodore Chris McGraw, was one of the five top national team fundraisers in the 2019 Leukemia Cup Regatta.

Congratulations,
Chris McGraw and Team Tartan!



TEAM TARTAN SAILING IN KILTS
PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TEAM TARTAN FUNDRAISING PAGE

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