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COMMODORE'S LOG

BY RICHARD KAISER

I hope this issue of ChaNNels finds you and your family well.



November is the time of year that we all give thanks - for family, friends and the activities that bring us joy. While family is always first, I'm thankful for all my new and long-time friends at SCOW. One of the unwritten benefits of SCOW is all of the new friends we make every single year. Even in socially distanced years like 2020, SCOW has given me numerous opportunities to make new life-long friends. Our SCOW friends that move out of the area are still lifelong friends, as we share experiences from afar. You all are a big part of my life and I will cherish your friendship for many years to come. I'm truly thankful for that.

As goes our country, so goes SCOW. We are in the middle of our election season, which will conclude at our Annual Meeting on November 9th. Please make certain to vote - while we do not have any competing candidates this year, your vote is a vote of confidence in the new SCOW Board and is a vote of trust in our Club. Our 2021 Board will work hard to make this a better Club than the one they inherited and I know that they will appreciate your support, as I did. You may continue to cast your digital ballots for the first 30 minutes of our Annual Meeting's program. The meeting will include Director reports as well as a SCOW historical presentation. Newly selected Board members will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Our final event of this year will be our first ever virtual *Hail & Farewell*, where we honor our volunteers, say farewell to the 2020 Board of Directors and Hail the 2021 Board. While we won't lead the dancing or dinner for this event, you are welcome to dance at home and serve up your favorite home cooked meal! And the good news, not only is it a free SCOW event, but you only have to dress from the waist up (saving half of your cleaning bill)! Your participation is greatly appreciated, as our 2020 volunteers truly were amazing and possibly more special than ever in these difficult times - they deserve your appreciation as we honor them. I also understand that we will be having a social "docktail" hour before the festivities begin - giving you plenty of social time with new and old friends - Black Tie Optional?

Thanks to a great Board of Directors for keeping our ship on course throughout this crazy year. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the **9th for our Annual Meeting** and the **19th for Hail and Farewell**.

Stay well.
Richard Kaiser, Commodore

ROPES ON A BOAT

BY JAY WEITZEL

No, this isn't the sequel to *Snakes on A Plane*. It's a quiz. When you buy "rope" at the chandlery, it magically turns into something else when brought aboard a boat. If it is being used to raise sails, it's a "halyard." If it is controlling sails, it is a "sheet." If it ties you to the dock, it is a "line." But, at least six ropes might be found on sailboats. Can you name them?



Test your knowledge. *Answers on page 6.*



LION'S PAW

BY JOCK WHITTLESEY

This is the seashell of a lion's paw scallop (*Nodipecten nodosus*). This is a small one. I didn't know the derivation of our cruiser boat's name until I stumbled over



it while identifying this shell. They eat algae and are hermaphroditic, in addition to being striking, so watch out!

SKIPPER'S CORNER

BY CHIP LUBSEN, SKIPPER CERTIFICATION DIRECTOR

New SCOW Skipper

Congratulations, **Matt Wuerker** – Flying Scot Skipper! Thank you to tutor **Eric Schmidt** and to Checkout Skipper **Becky Cole**.



MATT AT THE HELM OF A CLUB FLYING SCOT

2020 Skipper Counts

As of October 27, we have 118 individual skippers certified for 2020, up 2 from a month ago including one renewal. 106 of them are Scot skippers and 55 are cruiser skippers, while 42 are certified for both. In 2019 we had a total of 133 individual skippers.



**TOP TEN REASONS FOR ATTENDING H&F
IN THE STYLE OF DAVID LETTERMAN**

10

You don't have to leave your house.

05

You already rearranged your sock drawer and washed your hair.

09

You don't want to drink alone.

04

You haven't been to a party since February.

08

C'mon, it's 2020...

03

There's a gaping hole in your calendar.

07

Pants optional.

02

Seriously, you don't even have to wear pants.

06

You miss seeing SCOW friends.

01

It's free.

**HAIL & FAREWELL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Zoom invitation to follow

VIRTUAL EVENT

FLYING SCOT HONORS ONE OF OUR OWN

SUBMITTED BY CHIP LUBSEN

The 2020 Flying Scot Sailing Association (FSSA) Special Recognition Award was presented to **Dave Beckett** for his many contributions and generous support of Flying Scot class sailing.

Awards like this are given by FSSA presidents if they believe it is warranted. Not all presidents give them, but when they do, there is usually a compelling reason for the award. Approval from the FSSA Executive Committee is required. Dave will be joining an exclusive group of award recipients. Among them:

- Harry Carpenter, builder, for his dedication and participation in the class, awarded by Dianne Kampf
- Bill Ross for his years of work on the National Championship Committee, awarded by Frank Gerry
- Bob Neff for his years of work as our class Measurer, awarded by Bill Vogler
- Diane Kampf for the years of service including the FSSA website and other contributions to the class, awarded by Bill Dunham
- Charlotte Hott for her and her late husband Don's years of participation, dedication and promotion of the class, awarded by Bill Dunham

Thanks, Dave, for your years of service to SCOW and your commitment to Flying Scot racing!



FSSA AWARD PRESENTATION AT WASHINGTON SAILING MARINA AND AT A SAFE DISTANCE



CHIP LUBSEN PRESENTING FSSA AWARD TO DAVE BECKETT



DAVE AND JENNIFER BECKETT

FLYING SCOT HONORS ONE OF OUR OWN

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2020 Flying Scot® Sailing Association Special Recognition Award

October 1, 2020



The outgoing Fleet Captain for Fleet 203 from the Sailing Club of Washington in the Capital District has given countless hours to promote and grow the Flying Scot class. FSSA would like to recognize these outstanding contributions – here are just a few:

- Outstanding Ambassador for the Sailing Club of Washington (SCOW) & exemplifies sailing's Corinthian Spirit.
- Enthusiastic and successful racer - won the 2019 Capital District travelling trophy.
- Responsible for the growth of Fleet 203 - inspiring many to purchase Flying Scots such that SCOW now has a dozen private owners to complement its fleet of 6 club Scots.
- SCOW Board member for 7 years - focused on training and racing programs.
- Mentor and teacher to countless aspiring racers - always ready to share information so everyone improves. The heart of SCOW Wednesday Night Racing.
- During COVID shut down - conducted 10+ Zoom Scot racing seminars - after conducting/arranging a full series of winter seminars.
- Student and teacher of the rules of racing - he is now encyclopedic.
- Often forgoes racing to serve as regatta PRO - so that others may race. Has trained numerous SCOW members on Regatta/Race management.
- A family man of integrity and generosity – Farewell Dave – You will be missed!

For these and countless other contributions, FSSA recognizes

David Beckett

A COPY OF THE FSSA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD GIVEN TO DAVE BECKETT

NOVEMBER EVENTS

2 | SCOW BOARD MEETING | 7PM
ONLINE

9 | SCOW ANNUAL MEETING | 7PM
ONLINE

11 | VETERANS DAY

19 | VIRTUAL HAIL & FAREWELL | 6:30PM
ONLINE

26 | THANKSGIVING DAY

MEMBERSHIP

BY TONI COLE, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Ahoy!

Welcome new members! New members this month include **Chris Beenhouwer** & **Christopher Vuille-Kowing!**

While our sailing season wraps up, keep up with the club by making sure you are signed up to our unofficial Google Group. To subscribe, click [here](#) and choose "Join Group." You may Unsubscribe at any time.

Lastly, don't forget to **VOTE** if you haven't already! As always we appreciate your support throughout this unique year. I, for one, am ready to see it go and see what 2021 brings us! More sailing I hope, oh yeah and health and happiness for all. For some of us the two are synonymous. To that end don't forget to check email for details from our Social Director on SWAG gifts.

Happy Fall Sailors!



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Emails with voting instructions have been sent to all SCOW members in good standing. If you haven't already, please cast your ballot before the Annual Meeting on November 9th.

VOTE for your 2020-2021 Board of Directors and Bylaw changes!

View the slate and get more info [here](#).

ROPES ON A BOAT ANSWER KEY



Answers:

- (1) Foot Rope, runs the length of the yard on a square rigger and used by sailors to stand on while reefing or furling sails;
- (2) Bolt Rope, sewn into the edge of a sail for extra strength or to slide into a groove in the mast or boom;
- (3) Tiller Rope, used to tie off the tiller to keep it in one position when the sails are well-balanced;
- (4) Tow Rope, used to tow another vessel;
- (5) Throw Rope, safety gear in case of a crew overboard; and
- (6) Bell Rope, attached to the clapper of the ship's bell.

GET NAUT-Y NAUTICAL COCKTAILS TO SHARE WITH YOUR CREW

What will you serve for *Hail & Farewell*? Will you try something new or stick with an old standby? Check out some themed recipes [here](#).

- Dark-n-Stormy
- Painkiller
- Sea Breeze
- Salty Dog
- Cape Cod
- Bushwhacker



WHO'S WHO IN SCOW

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