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**The Newsletter of The Sailing Club of Washington**



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# COMMODORE'S LOG

Happy Holidays to all our Members & Friends of SCOW!

As I write, we're experiencing our winter first weather event of the season – the large storm crossing the US for the last few days arrived in our area with ice, sleet and the dreaded freezing rain.

Fortunately I switched out my “summer” cover with the more durable “winter” cover on my own Scot earlier this week. Curiously, when I make the cover change - drop the boom, take off my sails to store in my basement – I think about how long it will be before it's time to put the boat back together and begin using the “summer” cover again. I'm guessing 3 ½ months!!

While many sailors take off the cold winter months – the SCOW Board & club Committees will be busy preparing for the upcoming year. Several new Members are joining the Board after the recent election and in January we'll be addressing several items: Budget, Seminar Schedule, land water classes for both Cruisers & Scots, along with selecting dates for Rub of the Rust & Maintenance. While months away – dates for weekend regattas are also being reviewed. I'm not even including the several committees that will be meeting. Lots of activity occurs over the winter for a smooth season.

Hail & Farewell was a great success under the guidance of Social Director Genevieve Lindsay and her team. New venue & daytime event attracted many members who have not attended in the past.

H&F is also the time we recognize the volunteers without whom the club would not exist.

Congratulations to our 3 Annual Award winners:

Trueman Sharpe – Woodie Woodside Award

Richard Kaiser – Alan Blankfield Award

John Rogers – Elinor Abramson

Descriptions of each award and past winners can be found on the SCOW site > Members Area > scroll to bottom SCOW Awards Recipients.

On the evening of December 3, 2021 Genevieve Lindsay & I attended the Sister City Dinner with the Lord Provost Bill Campbell of Dundee Scotland. There was an exchange of Club Burgees & gifts with the Royal Tay Yacht Club of Dundee. Credit belongs to our retiring Membership Director Esther Petrilli-Massey who made the arrangements and was unable to attend because she was participating in the Parade of Lights. Thank you Esther

I'd like to recognize Board members who are leaving us after years of service – some of whom were Board members for years at different positions.

Vice Commodore – Dave Beckett

Training Director – Trueman Sharpe

Secretary – Jen Joint

Cruiser Maintenance Director – Wayne Williams

Membership Director - Esther Petrilli-Massey

Each of these individuals gave hours of time, fresh ideas & were a joy to work with in order to benefit SCOW. Please thank them.

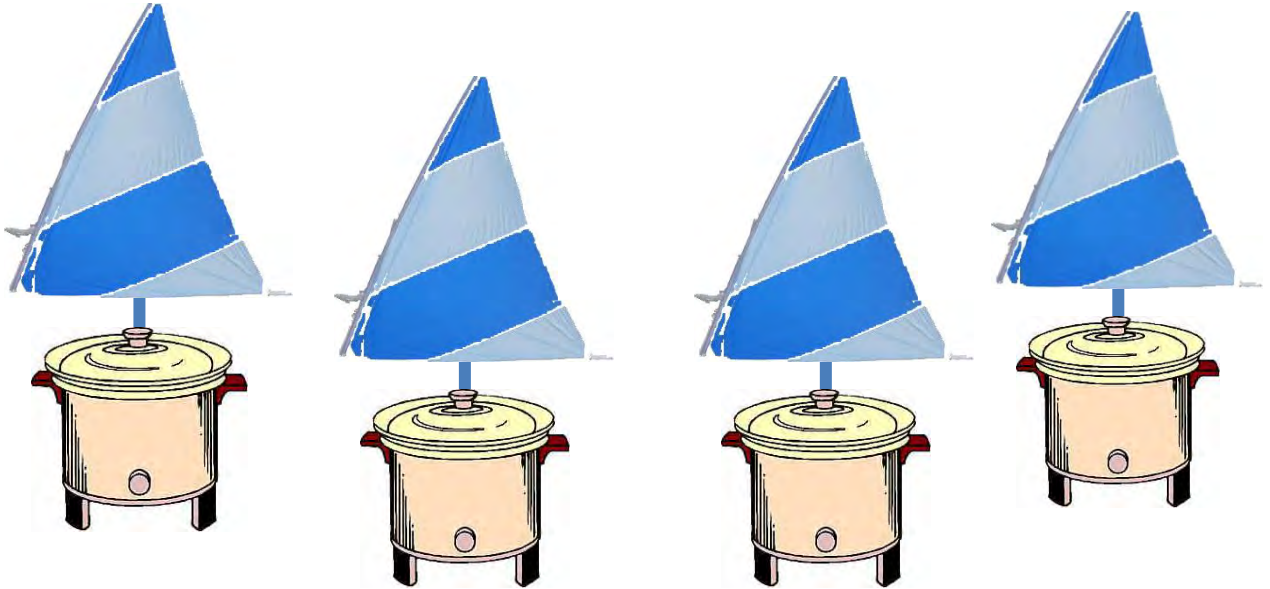
Our next event is "After Glow" Saturday January 21, 2023! Plans are underway – watch your email for more info.

Enjoy your Holidays!!  
Brian





*The Sailing Club of Washington  
Cordially Invites You To  
After Glow  
and The Fifth Annual Crockpot Regatta*



**SCOW is kicking off the New Year with our “After Glow” celebration and you’re invited! Music, Food, Good Friends & You!**

When: January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Where: Alexandria Police Association  
3010 Colvin Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Cost: **Free!**  
Dress: **Holiday Casual**  
Volunteers: **See sign up below**

**SCOW’s Fifth Annual  
Crockpot Regatta!**  
**Challenge your fellow sailors  
(I mean chefs) to a battle of the  
crockpots – chili, stews  
or whatever.**  
**Voting takes place at After Glow**

**This event can’t happen without SCOW’s great volunteers!!**

Sign up here to volunteer or bring food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ca5ab22a46-sailing#/>

There is plentiful street parking and parking lots in this area of Alexandria.

# Pictures of the Parade of Lights from the gifted Jay Weitzel







# Joe and Callie would like to announce..

We were crew on LP2 with Skipper Eric Schmidt at the helm during the amazing Holiday of Lights Parade at Old Town Alexandria and the DC Warf. I proposed to Callie, who I met last year after Jim Haynes invited her to race with us on FS Little Michael during the Leukemia Cup. I thought it appropriate to propose on the bow of Lions Paw 2 while on the water in our Nations Capital. We are so blessed to be SCOW members and ask for our members prayers as we change our status to "Engaged".





## **Bottom Cleaning Cruisers**

The Maintenance Cruiser Bosuns joined forces with the Cruiser Maintenance Director on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to have the Marina bottom clean Cruisers Rebecca, Hiatus, and Lions Paw 2.

Each of the Cruisers hulls were power washed by the Marina staff after being taken out of the water by the Marina traveling crane. Rebecca, though the oldest SCOW Cruiser, had the cleanest hull after having her keel repaired and repainted in April. Maintenance Director Wayne Williams Jr. and Rebecca's Bosun Barry Yatt had organized that work, directed mostly by Tim Herzog, now Hiatus' Bosun, an expert in hull and keel repair, along with a team of SCOW volunteers. A photograph of Rebecca's hull is attached demonstrating the SCOW's Maintenance Program and volunteers' ability to maintain the Cruisers.

Regular power washing provides an ideal opportunity to inspect each boat's hull, document the condition of each keel and note any requirements for further repairs. After the power wash, each boat was reported to perform faster and smoother in the water, during a group sail skippered by Hiatus 2023 Bosun David Numrych. Other Lead Bosuns that assisted in delivering the boats to and from their power-washes included Joe Caminiti, Tim Herzog, Barry Yatt, and Josh Shields. Asst Bosun Josh Morin also participated in the power wash, with hull inspections by Bosun Tim Herzog and Barry Yatt, with input and crane operation from WSM boat yard manager Howell Crim and Linda operating the pressure-washer. SCOW will continue to power wash the hulls as a bi-monthly event starting this coming season, necessary to maintain the Cruiser hulls. The Maintenance team is hoping to remove hull stains and bottom-paint Hiatus and Lion's Paw 2 in the Spring.

Individuals interested in joining the cruiser maintenance team in any of several capacities should reach out to Barry Yatt as the Cruiser Maintenance Director for year 2023, or any of the Lead Bosuns. It's great for learning about how to maintain cruisers including fiberglass hulls. The Cruiser Maintenance team not only maintains the Cruisers, but also sails the boats to test out their repairs. SCOW volunteers are needed to assist the maintenance team. No experience is necessary to start learning about maintaining the cruisers. Not only does SCOW provide the opportunity and instruction to learn about the cruisers during Maintenance Day, but also the opportunity to participate in weekly maintenance tasks with the cruisers' Lead Bosuns. Everyone should be proud of all of the SCOW volunteers that assist in maintaining the Cruisers.



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Metro has opened its Silver Line to Ashburn

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On November 15, Metro rail extended its Silver Line as far west as Ashburn VA:

[https://www.loudounnow.com/news/silver-line-to-loudoun-opens/article\\_cdf5bd00-656b-11ed-8ebc-674890caf5e4.html](https://www.loudounnow.com/news/silver-line-to-loudoun-opens/article_cdf5bd00-656b-11ed-8ebc-674890caf5e4.html)

That is good news for any SCOW enthusiast who lives in the western part of Northern Virginia and wants to frequent Washington Sailing Marina but wishes to avoid toll roads and the hour-long drive.

This article assures us that Metro rail does allow bikes and scooters on its trains:

<https://dc.curbed.com/2019/1/3/18166574/dc-metro-wmata-bikes-scooters-public-transit>

It means SCOW enthusiasts, who live that far west, will be able to carry their e-scooter onboard a Metro train and then ride their scooter from Crystal City to the marina.

Maybe there are more SCOW members than me who are eager to see how the new Silver Line works out for that purpose.

George Clark

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So please send all pictures to editor@scow.org. Send also writings, musings and nacho recipes. I would like to thank everyone who sent me anything. Your rewards will come to fruition quicker than you know. There have been some real works of art submitted. We are gifted with some truly talented people in the club.

## The Editor

