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The Newsletter of The Sailing Club of Washington

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COMMODORE'S LOG

Dear SCOW Members

Astronomical Fall begins September 22 – while Meteorological Fall began September 1.

Nevertheless, there are still several weeks of nice sailing weather available to get out on the water before the cold settles in. I love Fall sailing – temps are cooler while the water temp is still warm and winds are more consistent than the doldrums of August.

Your Club is doing well, as you'll hear at our meeting on Monday September 26. We seem to be past much of headwinds we faced the past couple of years and Membership is strong.

Please take the time to thank members of the board for their time & commitment. Most of the work for these events is accomplished by a handful of people who work quietly without much fanfare, yet make the club what it is today.

The club has a busy schedule in the next several weeks:

Social Sail – Thursdays @ 5:30 continues for a few more weeks – with Oktoberfest October 6.

For SCOW racers:

- WNR ends September 28
- PRSA President's Cup Regatta is September 24 & 25
- SCOW Director's Cup October 1.

Board of Director selections are coming up. Nominees will be announced at the September 26 meeting and voting will take place electronically in October.

Meetings – ZOOM links will be sent

- September 26 – Membership Meeting – Board nominations
- October 24 – Annual Meeting – Election results

Maintenance Days – please check the calendar and sign up for maintenance days.

Lastly, we are trying something different this year with the annual Hail & Farewell. The event was tabled the past couple of years because of the virus and we weren't sure of attendance to host a large indoor production. This year Hail & Farewell will be a daytime event on Saturday November 5 at Columbia Island Marina. Mark your calendars and watch for details.

Yours truly,
Brian





SCOW's Board Elections are Around the Corner

The election for the SCOW 2023 Board of Directors, is just around the corner and will be conducted completely online. The enactment of electronic ballots, introduced a few years ago, has dramatically increased member participation by making it easier for all members to cast a vote.

What is your first step to participate? Verify that you can log into the SCOW website (scow.org) and that your email address, found in your profile, is current. If you forgot your password, click the Forgot Password link that appears beside the Login button [upper right-hand corner of the SCOW home page]. If you don't remember your login credentials, please send an email to the SCOW's Membership Director at membership@scow.org.

Step two, join us online for the September 26th Membership Meeting to learn more about the election process and to self-nominate or nominate other members for Board positions (<https://www.scow.org/SCOW-BOD-Position-Descriptions/>).

Step three – Vote! At least 10 days prior to our Annual Meeting (which is Monday, October 24th) SCOW members in good standing will receive an email notification that our polls are open and you can now participate in our elections. SCOW will use the email address saved in each member's SCOW Profile for sending the email notification. In addition to the voting link in the email message, a link to the ballot will be placed on the SCOW website home page. With the above in mind, note that only members in good standing will be able to participate and cast a ballot in the Members' area of the SCOW website. **Vote!**

The voting process will be supervised by monitors (vote inspectors) to ensure the authenticity and the privacy of your vote. Yes, your vote will be private. Yes, there will be no hacking by foreign operatives. All on-line votes will be recorded, and the voting process will close 30 minutes after the Annual Meeting on Monday, October 24th, 2022 has been called to order.

More information is being prepared to send to your inbox. If you have any questions about the voting process, please send an email to the SCOW Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee@scow.org.

Stay well and sail on!

SCOW Nomination Committee

SCOW MEMBERS WIN OLD DOMINION BOAT CLUB FOUNDATION REGATTA



During the regatta, the Arcas Crew proudly flew the “Luke McEachem Race Team” flag to honor Mr. McEachem and win First Place.

On Saturday, August 29, a SCOW crew endured light winds, intense heat, and powerboat wake to take first place, spinnaker class in the ODBC/“Lukemia Cup” Regatta. The crew raced Arcas, a Dehler 29 with a PHRF of 126 that is owned and skippered by Mr. Hank Messick. His race victory was assisted alphabetically by SCOW headsail Trimmer, Rachel Hoover, and SCOW Bowman David Numrych flying spinnaker, and Mainsail Trimmer Sara Shprgel. SCOW Crew Member Paul Lewis also assisted with weekend training and preparing the boat for the race. Arcas raced in honor of Mr. Luke McEachem, who passed away last November due to Leukemia. Mr. McEachem was a gifted teacher and taught American History at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem, NC and later, worked with special needs children in the Wake County NC Public School System.



It's time to jump into your Lederhosen,
grab your favorite beverage and yodel your way
over to the Washington Sailing Marina and join SCOW, we're celebrating

Oktoberfest

October 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Near the boat racks and grills
Your favorite Oktoberfest foods and friends

See you there!



Contact Social@scow.org if you want to volunteer to support this event
(set up, bring Oktoberfest foods, ice & clean up crew)

Special Olympic Sailing in Northern Virginia

For over 25 years, Special Olympics in Northern Virginia has provided the opportunity for people with mental disability to learn how to sail and race sailboats at Washington Sailing Marina. For the past several years, SCOW members have provided boats, support, and mentoring to assist Special Olympics in its goal of bringing sailing fun and learning to members of our community.. This year, SCOW provided invaluable assistance during the Special Olympic Sailing season.



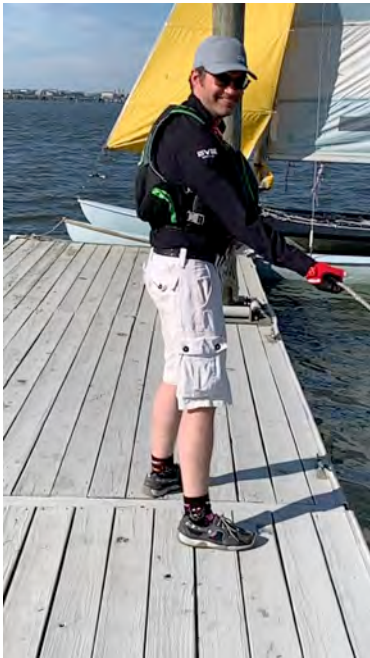
Spring of 2022 brought a surge of interest in Special Olympic Sailing. Most of the 23 athletes from our 2019 roster decided to return this season, and an additional 10 new athletes were added to our roster for a total of 28 participants. The challenge of finding enough boat space and qualified people to meet the demand proved daunting, but the awesome coaches, partners, and volunteers fulfilling a variety of roles (including recruiting new volunteers) met the challenge. SCOW provided up to 3 boats every week as needed, as well as crew to sail with the athletes and to man support boats.



SCOW members also provided invaluable assistance for Virginia’s annual “Virginia Invitational” championship regatta on our home waters of the Potomac July 30th. The weather was beautiful, with enough wind for 3 races. The Flying Scot athletes were able to go out and show their stuff, along with FJ and Hobie teams. Good sportsmanship and smiles were spotted throughout the regatta. Lots of wind shifts made for challenging racing, with water and snack breaks in between races. After returning to shore and stowing the boats, an impromptu lunch provided by parent volunteers was devoured, and Medals awarded.



We were very fortunate to have the support not only of SCOW. but of the Washington Sailing Marina staff and Georgetown University Sailing Team, without whose support we could not have pulled off such a successful season.



Our program had what I consider to be a singularly successful season coming out of the Covid19 pandemic, due in no small part to the tireless efforts of SCOW members. I would like to particularly thank Barbara Thacker, who currently serves as SCOW's Special Olympic Sailing liaison, as well as the volunteers who helped this season: Latasha Allen, Tara Brannigan, Rachel Hoover, Alexis Joiner, Stephanie Samoska, Josh Seely, Kevin McMahon, Dwight Fincher, Josh Shields, Robert Hollendoner, and Jim Haynes. Frankly, I could not make this wonderful program happen for so many deserving and grateful athletes without your help.

Sincerely, Allen Flanigan

Sailing Coordinator, Virginia Special Olympics Area 26



Photos by Alica Starcke









Ok it's getting to the end of our regional sailing year and there is still sailing to be done. Director's Cup coming up. Sign up for that it's a good time. Skippers put out an email when your going out try to help a landlocked sailor out. Send me more poems, pictures and writings. Visit Colonial Beach Virginia if your looking for a cheap close vacation with your boat. Look at that water. Congratulations to the whole crew of Arcas in their victory. Some serious people out there and they came out on top. It's not luck.

Compliments, complaints and nacho recipes can be directed to editor@scow.org. Scott M