

Dear SCOW Skipper,

It's time to renew your skipper privileges. Lock combinations will be changed the second week in April. Please **renew by April 1st** so there's enough time to send you the new combination.

Policy Reminders

SCOW skippers must have a Certificate of Boating Education/Safety ("Certificate"), as this is required by the DC Harbor Police and the State of Maryland. You must carry proof of this Certificate (e.g., the corresponding wallet card) with you while operating SCOW boats. All current SCOW skippers should have a photocopy of your Certificate in the SCOW Skipper file; to ensure our files are complete, please send one with your Skipper Renewal/Agreement Application. Your skipper renewal will be withheld until your Certificate is received or it is verified that you already have a Certificate on file. Keep in mind that it will take time for me to verify if every skipper has a card on file, so to expedite your access to the boats, please include a copy with your application.

Please review the **SCOW Skipper Requirements and Boat Use Policy** and the **SCOW Cruising Boat Skipper Information Files ("SIF")** prior to commencing the sailing season. Especially important is the required safety equipment and boat use procedures for launching, landing and man-overboard. As SCOW skippers, we have a duty to handle our boats safely so that no harm comes to us, to our boats or to other boats. We also have an obligation to leave the boats neat and in good condition for the next skipper. Please do your part to allow maximum enjoyment for all members by ensuring a safe sailing season and the extended life of our boats. If you see anyone operating a SCOW boat in an unsafe manner or find that a boat was not left shipshape, contact me at skipper@scow.org.

Links to the documents on the SCOW website are under the "Administrative Stuff" section at www.scow.org. Copies of the SCOW Skipper Requirements and Boat Use Policy and the Cruising Boat Skipper Information Files will also be available at the Re-Up Brunch. If you need a copy e-mailed to you, please let me know.

Important Renewal Information

SCOW members in good standing, who paid their boat use fee in 2009, may renew their skipper privileges anytime during the 2010 sailing season (April 2010 through March 2011). **If you let the privilege lapse, you'll need to check out again to reinstate your skipper privileges.**

The Boat use fees for 2010 have, for the first time since 2002, changed as follows:

Flying Scots only \$100 ---- Cruising Boats only \$140 ----Both Cruisers and Scots \$180

(After Sept. 30th these fees are reduced by 50% to reflect the short balance of the sailing season.)

I will enter your name on the official list of skippers after we've verified that your SCOW membership is renewed and I have received your Skipper Application/Agreement, photocopy of your Certificate of Boating Education/Safety, and your boat use fees. I will then notify you of the new lock combination(s).

See the attached renewal checklist and the renewal forms.

If you have any questions, please email me at skipper@scow.org.

Thanks and Happy Sailing!

Amy Hasslacher
2010 Skipper Director

Renewal Checklist:

1. Review the SCOW Skipper Requirements and Boat Use Policy and the appropriate Skipper Information Files (“SIF”) located at SCOW.org under Administrative stuff.
2. Read, complete and sign the 2010 SCOW Skipper Application/Agreement (make a photocopy for your records if you desire).
3. Fill out the 2010 SCOW Membership Application.
4. Write a check payable to SCOW for the applicable boat use fee and the SCOW membership dues.
6. Bring the Skipper Application/Agreement, photocopy of Safety/Education Certificate, SCOW Membership application and your check to the Skipper station at the Re-Up brunch, March 14th 10am to 2pm at The Colonies, McLean Va. or mail them to the SCOW Commodore at:

SCOW
c/o Chris von Guggenberg
316 E Bellefonte Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301-1244

2010 SCOW SKIPPER APPLICATION/AGREEMENT

DATE _____

Name: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth _____

Email Address: _____

Years Sailing Experience _____

I hereby apply for skipper privileges for the 2010 sailing season for the boat category indicated below:

_____ Flying Scots (\$100) _____ Cruisers (\$140) _____ Both (\$180)

The Sailing Club of Washington (SCOW) is a non-profit club, administered entirely through the volunteer efforts of its members. SCOW maintains a fleet of sailboats on the Potomac River for the use of its members who have qualified to use these boats (Members). The boats are owned by SCOW and are maintained by the volunteer efforts of the Members.

By becoming a SCOW paid-up skipper, I agree to adhere to and abide by SCOW policies and procedures including but not limited to the SCOW Boat Use Policy and share in the responsibility and contribute my time for the care and the upkeep of the SCOW boats, as well as for SCOW activities, required for SCOW to function fully. Accordingly, for the privilege of skippering the SCOW boats during the 2010 sailing season (April 2010 through March 2011), I verify completion of and/or agreement to the following:

Please initial next to each bullet and sign application at the end

- _____ Have successfully completed the written and on the water exams for each type of boat for which I am applying
- _____ I have read and understand the SCOW Skipper Requirements and Boat Use Policy and the Cruising Boat Skipper Information File (SIF) applicable to each type of boat for which I am applying.
- _____ I understand that failure to abide by the established boat procedures or to use the boats in a safe, prudent and responsible manner, all as further as set forth in the SCOW Policies, U.S. Coast Guard rules and regulations and other applicable marine safety rules and regulations, may result in the suspension or loss of boat use privileges. Temporary or permanent suspension of or loss of boat use privileges will be as set forth in the SCOW Policies as determined by the SCOW Board of Directors (the Board) after a review of the occurrence(s), event(s) or activity(s) in issue and the Board's decision shall be final, binding and non-appealable.
- _____ I understand that furnishing date of birth and years of experience is required for club insurance purposes.
- _____ I have included with this Skipper Application/Agreement payment for my 2010 boat use fee, a photocopy of my Certificate of Boating Education/Safety and my SCOW membership application.
- _____ I understand that the boat fee is non-refundable, in whole or in part, whether this agreement is terminated by SCOW or by me and that I will not be entitled to or receive any rebate or refund in any amount whatsoever on or after such termination occurs.
- _____ I will participate in two or more of the following fleet activities (maintenance support is required, choose one or more additional from the list below):

	Flying Scots	Cruisers
Maintenance	_X_	_X_ required for all skippers
Tutoring	_____	_____
Land Training	_____	_____
Water Training	_____	_____
Skipper Tutoring or Certification	_____	_____
Social Sails Skipper	_____	_____

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- ____ I accept responsibility for conditions of the boat while the boat is in my custody. I understand that this includes assuming responsibility for taking positive and expeditious remedial action in response to any discovered or incurred damage which occurs while the boat is in my custody and that I will notify the Maintenance Director on the day the damage is discovered or incurred. No expenditures of more than \$25 may be made by a Member without prior written approval of the Maintenance Director. Unless the damage is caused by willful failure to follow established boat procedures or gross negligence of the Member, SCOW will pay for or reimburse all authorized expenses incurred in making repairs and in replacement of parts.
- ____ I, further, agree to quickly notify the Maintenance Director or appropriate Bosun of any discovered maintenance or repair issue or damage to any boat for which I am Skipper and, whenever possible, replace the part that failed and/ or participate in the repair efforts myself. When the damage is caused by my willful disregard, negligence, or failure to follow established SCOW Policies or applicable boat safety laws, policies or regulations, the Board reserves the right to levy an appropriate assessment on me. This assessment will not exceed the actual cost of the repair or the insurance deductible amount if the damage is covered by SCOW's insurance.
- ____ I hereby agree to be governed by the Policies and bylaws of SCOW while a member, and while aboard any SCOW boat, to fully follow the commands of the person in charge of the boat.
- ____ I hereby fully, freely and voluntarily waive and relinquish any and all claims for damage, reimbursement or restitution in any form, and in any amount whatsoever, for injury (s), loss(es) or damage(s) to any person(s) or property(ies) sustained from any cause whatsoever in connection with any functions or activities sponsored by SCOW, its officers, directors, or members, when acting within their SCOW capacity, in relation to any such damages or injuries.
- ____ I hereby fully, freely and voluntarily waive any and relinquish any and all rights to file suit or undertake legal action of any sort whatsoever against SCOW, its officers, directors, agents or members in the event of the occurrence of any such loss(es), injury(ies) or damage(s).
- ____ While in command of any SCOW boat, I hereby specifically assume liability for any and all loss(es), injury(ies), death or damage(s) sustained by non-member guests or crew in the event such non-member guest or crew fails to sign the appropriate SCOW waiver form.
- ____ I hereby fully, freely and voluntarily waive any and relinquish any and all rights to file suit or undertake legal action of any sort whatsoever against SCOW, its officers, directors, agents or members in the event of such loss(es), injury(ies), deaths or damage(s) that result in claims for damage, reimbursement or restitution against me.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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