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## For Upcoming Events....

Check out our Calendar  
on the PSC Web Site at  
[www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org)

## State of the Ship

Larry Paulson

Commodore 2011

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**Sailing Season has begun and what a season it promises to be!**

**The training slots for our yearly River classes are almost full—before we have completed the first one. Bay sails are filled through June but we need folks to sign up for the over-night sails. Read more about that in Ryan's article on page 3.**

**We have a great program for the ten boats participating in the Memorial Day and Fourth of July raft-up events. The July BVI trip will provide great sailing for many as well.**



**Sign up now, come to club events, or miss out on the fun!**

## Vice Commodore's Page

**Tony Skivo**

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### Here's what you need to know!

#### Monthly Meetings are Great Gatherings

Plan now to join us for our monthly club meetings. We hold them on the third Monday of the month and our location is easy to find and gives us our own meeting space. **Bailey's** in Crystal City has varied and reasonably priced food—check out our web site for details.



#### We are insured...and have new deductibles

Our club renewed the Starkweather and Shepley policy through the Travelers for our River boats and programs in May 2011. We updated our River Release Forms and Float Plans to include more language forbidding the use of and carrying of alcohol on the boats. Deductibles have also changed as shown below

Deductibles:

- B-KBS Class with ASA/Navy Sailing Lead Instructor present (\$250) - the club will always pick up the deductible for a training class.
- Social Sail (\$1,000) - the club will not pick up this deductible
- Racing (\$1,000) - the club will not pick up this cost.
- Training Class with lead instructor not present (\$2,500) - we will never let that happen.

Our River policy does not include night sailing. This provisions means that if you go out for a social sail or race, and come back after the sun has set, you are covered. However, you cannot depart at 7:00 PM with the intention of staying out all night. You must be at the marina or anchored at night.

We eliminated the Bay provisions of our PSC policy to preclude any conflict with the insurance policy offered by Annapolis Bay Charters (ABC) on the boats we charter from them. With ABC, we may sail almost anywhere on the Bay; the one place that we cannot go is Kent Narrows. We can sail at night. We can carry alcohol on the boats; as long as we stay beneath the Maryland BAC limits, we are fine. Once you moor or anchor, then you can have a party.

Deductibles are based on the size of the boat. For boats 39 feet or less, the deductible is \$1,000. For boats 40 feet or over, the deductible is \$1,500. ABC will check the credit card of each skipper for that amount when chartering.

**Tony Skivo, Vice Commodore**

## The Bay and Beyond

### Ryan Yost, [baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org)

Fellow PSC sailors,

This year's Bay sails are filled through June. There are still some openings on Fourth of July raft-up and the later sails, but they are filling up fast. We are using new boats like [Blue Heron](#), [Blown Away](#), and [Time For Us](#). We'll be using [Blue Heron](#), a 2011 Beneteau 34, for our day sails and [Blown Away](#) and [Time For Us](#) along with old faithfuls like [Steel Aweigh](#) and [Flying Cloud](#) for our overnights.

Some of our overnight sail costs have dropped from \$300 to \$210 by taking advantage of 4-day charter rates; those particular overnight sails will span Friday-Saturday and Sunday-Monday. **However, we need to start filling those sails.** Give us your feedback on these sails. [baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org)



Save some money and have a great time by volunteering to coordinate the Labor Day Raft-up (LDRU). Contact me immediately and we will get going on what you need to do. We also need interested skippers to contact me and start recruiting crew members for this fantastic weekend. On the boat scene, Horizon Yacht Charters has a limited boat selection, however two other charterers have considerable offerings at good discounted rates for PSC members.

Lisa August has almost filled the one club boat for the Fourth of July Raft-up (FJRU) but there are still a couple of spaces remaining. Sign up now to join this patriotic crew and have a great weekend with them and several other club member boats who plan to join in on the fun.

Around the middle of July, think about those fun-loving sailors as they travel down to the beautiful British Virgin Islands. We look forward to hearing all about their 9-19 July trip.

Finally, a special thanks to Dave Kunselman and Hal Moore for all their work on the Western themed MDRU (see their article). We have a full team of boats just waiting at the hitching post for the weekend to begin. Get your costume together and come out to the corral with us.

See you on the Bay!

**Ryan Yost**  
**Bay Commodore**

## On the River

### Eddie Conde and Tom Pullin

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Folks,

The sailing season is in full throttle and we are ready to help you make the best of it. Our boats are on the water, and our team of fleet engineers, boat captains and other volunteers like you, is working very hard to maintain the fleet in optimal conditions. Please remember that since we "fired the maid" it is up to us maintain the clubhouse—CLEAN! Don't forget to unplug the extension cord when you leave, take all of your belongings with you and keep the table and PFD rack in order. Oh, and the trash, please take the bag and place it in the nearest trash can.



Check out our new online Boat Reservation system. Before going on the water, you must submit your request and allow 24 hours for your confirmation. Your confirmation will include your boat assignment and other valuable information about the boat.

[PSC Boat Reservation form](#)

Also, if you are one of those brave and wild volunteers that helps on the River, please use the link below to log your hours. Don't forget that your hard work will earn you FVSMs (Frequent Volunteer Sea Miles) that can get you free boat rentals and discounts on training and other PSC activities.

[PSC River Volunteer Hours](#)

Any questions, drop us a line at [rivercommadore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:rivercommadore@pentagonsailing.org).

## Membership

### Cynthia Houston and Ross Rosiak

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Fellow PSC sailors,

We are anxious to see you and your friends on the River and the Bay. Bring them to our monthly membership meetings and introduce them to the PSC!

We anticipate another great year of growth and love that there are over seventy new members since November. This is a record we are very proud to talk about. Renewals are high as well so we know we are doing something well.

In addition to processing all this paperwork, we are working on a lot of technical stuff to make the membership process smoother and more efficient.

Ross Rosiak and Cynthia Houston  
Membership (co-Commodores)





## Training Corner

Hal Moore

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### Marina Safety

Most novice sailors believe that the number one cause injury, damage, and death is from encountering the "Perfect Storm" in the ocean. **WRONG!!** The number one cause of "negative sailing outcomes" are accidents in the marina. The most common cause of damage is boats banging into each other or piers. As part of our mitigation against this cause, we heavily emphasize close quarter maneuvering.

### Watch Your Step

The other cause of death and injury comes from falling in the marina area or falling into the marina itself. Marina slips are loaded with cleats, pilings, lines, irregular surfaces, and power cables that can represent trip hazards. Walk slowly and keep focused on these hazards. When stepping from the pier to a boat, try to board from the amidships area near the shrouds, where the boat is most stable. Let everyone know that you are stepping on or off.

A club member on a Bay sail recently slipped and fell while boarding a Bay boat. The boat was stable and level with the finger pier. The day was sunny, and all of the surfaces were dry. He was not carrying anything. Yet he lost his footing while trying to board, hitting his face on the boat. He has had to have extensive facial surgery.

Since 2007, we have had two incidents where people have gone into the water at the Bolling marina. One person was trying to rig a sail on a dinghy, shifted his weight too much, and went overboard. The other person stumbled over a cleat and went in.

### Expensive

When carrying wallets or electronic devices down to the marina or on the boats, put them in sealed plastic bags. When passing personnel belongings from the boat to the pier, pass them slowly, one item at a time. In the past five years, club members have lost thousands of dollars from cell phones, PDAs, and car key remotes going into the water.

### Marina Deaths

There are two principal causes of death for sailors. One is the failure to use preventers when sailing downwind. The other is sailors working on their boats alone. They fall into the water, and drown. Whenever you are working in a marina, always have someone with you. When the water is cold, you only have a few minutes before you will pass out, so wear a life vest. At Patuxent River, a very experienced sailor was down working on his boat alone in West Basin and did not return home that evening. They found his body several days later in Patuxent River.

Jackson Wong, of Potomac Sails, who has built the sails for several PSC Club boats and several club members, died two years ago when he went to work on his boat in Annapolis and never came back. These types of deaths often occur in the winter months when the marinas do not have many people available to render assistance with the water being cold. Read the following article on Jackson's death.

# Training Corner

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Jacson Wong

<http://www.yakimaherald.com/obit/show/5169>

### Potomac Sailmakers

#### Jackson Wong

By Jay Weitzel

I dropped some canvas at Potomac Sailmakers today and got some terribly sad news. Jackson "Jack" Wong, the owner, died on Saturday, December 15. He went to winterize his boat and didn't come home. The authorities guess that he fell overboard at some point and couldn't get back on board. They recovered his body the next day.

Jack has been a member of SCOW over the years and a great supporter of the club. In particular, when one of our sails has needed repairs, he did the work for us immediately so that we could get our boats back into service. He did great canvas and sail work for the club and many members (including both me and my wife). The club, the sailing community and many of our members have lost a friend. I'm pasting below a portion of the obituary from the Yakima newspaper. The full obituary, with picture, is at the link below. – Jay Weitzel

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Jackson Wong, age 72, died Sunday, December 16, 2007 in Annapolis, MD while preparing his beloved sailboat the "Fy Shun", (meaning "Fast Ship"), for the winter season.

He was born in Yakima, Washington on February 7, 1935 to Wong You and Dong Shee and raised on the family farm in Union Gap. In 1954, Jackson graduated magna cum laude from Yakima High School. He went on to attend Yakima Junior College, Washington State University, then transferred to Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR where he was awarded his Bachelor's degree in mechanical and automotive engineering in 1958. He was awarded the Standard Oil Fellowship for graduate work and received his Master's degree in 1959. Early in his career he worked with Boeing, Bell Aero Systems, Gellcomm, and Atlantic Research on projects in advanced propulsion and control systems. As a contractor to NASA for lunar and planetary missions, he conducted advanced research in aerospace technology in metallurgy, propulsion, and control systems.

Mr. Wong was an avid sailboat racer who collected numerous trophies. He was a member of the Herrington Harbor Sailing Association and the Tartan 30 Association. He was also a partner in an Annapolis marina for many years. Mr. Wong's passion for sailboat racing led to a successful custom sail and canvas fabricating enterprise, Potomac Sailmakers, Inc. based in Alexandria, VA. Since starting the company in 1972, his aeronautical engineering skills served him well in designing highly efficient sails which gained him worldwide recognition. His company was responsible for engineering custom canvas work which included unique projects such as: electronic golf devices with time and distance sensors embedded in the fabric, the honor guard sentry shelter at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and curtains for the White House press room.

He is survived by his wife Joetta Miller of Annandale, Virginia, and his brother Joe Wong of Yakima. Visitation will be 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Friday, December 28, 2007 at the Keith and Keith Funeral Home 9th Avenue Chapel, 902 W. Yakima Avenue, Yakima, WA. Funeral services will be at 11 A.M. in the 9th Avenue Chapel, followed by interment in Tahoma Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Oregon State University to establish an Engineering Scholarship in memory of Jackson Wong, OSU Foundation, 850 Southwest 35th Street, Corvallis, OR 97333.

# Racing

## Steve Calhoun

Fellow Sailors,

The Pentagon Sailing Club Racing Squadron is a group of club members who have fun by promoting the sport of sailing both inside and outside the club. We are always developing the racing squadron as a venue for club members to improve their sailing skills in an environment of friendly competition. As a group we like to promote camaraderie with our fellow sailors on the Potomac by regular participation in racing events with the [Daingerfield Island Sailing Club](#), the Sailing Club of Washington and others. Helping maintain the River fleet has become a tradition for the team and we want to continue the racing squadron's exemplary record of participation supporting PSC boat maintenance and the river training program.



We race the club's three Capri 22s against other skippers from the DISC. The racing fleet of over 50 vessels is a mixed design, performance handicap fleet racing in both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. We also race the occasional weekend regatta with DISC. Weekly Tuesday evening races began in mid-April and continue through October. **The team had a great time last year and took home first place class trophies for the Tuesday evening racing series and for the 2010 Leukemia Cup Sailing Regatta.** This year we are looking to expand club participation in the annual Leukemia Cup where we test our skills against crews from as far away as Quantico.

The Racing Squadron is also planning a River Raft-up, which will use our river boats on an overnight rafting trip.

Racing is a great way to add an exciting new dimension to your sailing experience and the Squadron continues to welcome new members every year. The annual fee of \$200 buys your racing all season (about 24 races) including participation in the Leukemia Cup. There are also opportunities to sail in other DISC-sponsored races on an ad hoc basis, usually on the weekends. If you are considering joining the Racing Squadron or simply want more information, please send a note to [RS@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:RS@pentagonsailing.org).

Fair Winds,

**Steven Calhoun**  
**Racing Commodore**







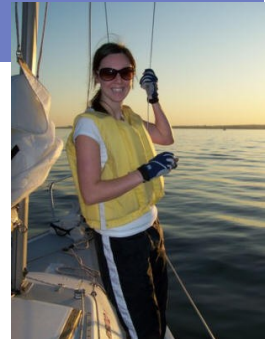
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**Katie Harrison**  
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**Teaching in the B-KBS / ASA 101-103 classes is a great way to get to know new members as well as fellow instructors, expanding your sailing network. It is a lot of fun !**

Class	B-KBS III	B-KBS III	B-KBS III	B-KBS III	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV
Weekend Dates	6 August Sat	7 August Sun	13 August Sat	14 August Sun	17 Sept Sat	18 Sept Sun	24 Sept Sat	25 Sept Sun
Lead Instructor	Bob Manning	Bob Manning	Bob Manning	Bob Manning	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher
Primary Instructor	Chris Cooper	Larry Paulson	Hal Moore	Chris Cooper	Hal Moore	Larry Paulson	Chris Cooper	Chris Cooper
Primary Instructor	Shep Barge	Shep Barge	Vilma Baez	Vilma Baez	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman
Primary Instructor	John Buescher	John Buescher	Chris Cooper		Shep Barge	Shep Barge	Eddie Conde	Eddie Conde
Primary Instructor	Eddie Conde	Eddie Conde					Ryan Yost	
Asst Instructor		Chris Cooper						

River Training Coordinator  
Katie Harrison  
rivertraining@pentagonsailing.org



**You earn 10 FVSM hours per day for teaching on the River! You can use these FVSMs for River Boat Rentals, Bay Sails, Winter Training, and the December annual awards and holiday party!**

Class	B-KBS V	B-KBS V	B-KBS V	B-KBS V
Weekend Dates	15 Oct Sat	16 Oct Sun	22 Oct Sat	23 Oct Sun
Lead Instructor	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia
Primary Instructor	Hal Moore	Larry Paulson	Eddie Conde	Chris Cooper
Primary Instructor	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman
Primary Instructor	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher
Primary Instructor	Chris Cooper	Chris Cooper	Chris Cooper	
Asst Instructor				

# MDRU David Kunselman



## PENTAGON SAILING CLUB

### MEMORIAL DAY RAFT UP 2011



**Although all of the boats are full, please join us for dinner at  
the Harbor Inn in cutsey-wutsey-boutiquey-chiquey  
St. Michael's, Maryland  
The Harbour Inn has a spectacular view over St. Michael's  
Harbor and the Miles River**

#### Appetizer Station

Confit Pork Spring Rolls with Sweet & Sour Dipping Sauce  
Spice Rubbed Grilled Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce  
Cream of Crab Soup with Sherry Teaser  
Fried Goat Cheese Salad with Orange Segments, Raspberries, Almonds and Citrus Vinaigrette

#### Entrée Selections (plated, choose one)

Grilled Salmon over Artichoke Wild Mushroom Tomato Ragout with Sherry Cream Essence  
Veal Parmesan in a Rich Tomato Sauce over Linguini with Sautéed Spinach  
Grilled NY Strip with Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus and Shallot-Thyme Jus  
Grilled Vegetable Pasta with Artichokes in a Pesto Cream Sauce with Fresh Parmesan Cheese

#### Dessert Station

Seasonal Fruit Cobbler  
Chocolate Mousse  
Assorted Mini Cupcakes  
Fresh Sliced Fruit  
Fresh Whipped Cream

**7:30 –9:30 PM**

Please contact the MDRU Raft-up coordinator David Kunselman by email  
[kunselmn@hotmail.com](mailto:kunselmn@hotmail.com) or phone 717-856-3177





FJRU Lisa August



## PENTAGON SAILING CLUB

### Fourth of July Raft-up

*Come and celebrate America's Birthday on the Chesapeake!*

Ahoy PSC Members,

Uncle Sam wants you to have a fantastic Fourth of July weekend sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, so come with PSC for three days of fun and fireworks! On Saturday we enjoy dinner overlooking the harbor, an outdoor concert and fireworks at St. Michaels. Then we sail to Oxford for dinner at the beautiful Oxford Inn and MORE Fireworks. We return to Annapolis on Monday where you can stay for EVEN MORE Fireworks!

Event Cost: \$375

Go to <http://www.pentagonsailing.org/> for details and SIGN UP NOW for this great PSC trip!

Questions: Please contact the Raft-up coordinator Lisa August by email [lAugust@earthlink.net](mailto:lAugust@earthlink.net) or phone 703-849-8643.



## New Qualifications Bravo Zulus !!

The following PSC Members have successfully attained the following qualifications:

**PSC River SOR (B-KBS)**

Toren Mushovic

**ASA 101/103 (Challenge)**

Steve Curtis

**ASA 104 (Challenge)**

Don Hupman

**ASA 118**

Jennifer Yost

Mike Moreau

**ASA 201, 203, 204, 205**

Rick Robey

**ASA 218**

Mike Moreau

Please join the Bridge in wishing them a  
hearty congratulations!!

They worked long and hard for these levels of  
achievement.

# Leukemia Cup



## How Can I Support the Pentagon Sailing Club in The Leukemia Cup Regatta?

- **Join One of the Club's Boats as Crew**
- **Help PSC Obtain Corporate Donations**
- **Seek Out In-Kind Donations for the Leukemia Cup Raffle and Auction**
- **Solicit Food/Drink Donations from Local Restaurants for Leukemia Cup Events**
- **Reach Out to Friends and Family for Individual Donations (And Use the Club's Online Fundraising Pages!)**
- **Participate in the Racing Team's New Wednesday Social Sails (Contribute a Small Donation to Learn More about Racing, Practice Skills on the Water, and Socialize with Club Members)**
- **Support Leukemia Cup Activities at Club Meetings and Events (Penny Wars, Giveaways and Special Activities that Benefit the Club's Fundraising Effort)**

For more information or to become more involved in Leukemia Cup activities, please contact PSC Leukemia Cup Representatives:

**Tom Cordell** ([thomaj0@dni.gov](mailto:thomaj0@dni.gov)),

**O'Shannon Burns** ([oshannon.burns@gmail.com](mailto:oshannon.burns@gmail.com)) or

**Alex Mattioli** ([alex.j.mattioli@gmail.com](mailto:alex.j.mattioli@gmail.com))



## Carol Howe



**To all Pentagon Sailing Club members,**

**Sadly, the Pentagon Sailing Club has been diminished by the sudden loss of a great friend and sailor. Long time club member Carol Lea Roman (known to most of us in the PSC as Carol Howe) and the wife of PSC senior skipper and former commodore Bob Howe passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 16th. Carol was an avid sailor who added much to our club with her warmth, generosity, good humor, and many hours volunteered to club events and activities. She will be greatly missed.**

**A Celebration of Carol's Life will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the [Robert E. Evans Funeral Home](#), 16000 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland. Relatives and friends are invited to meet with Carol's family from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Visitation will be followed by a service from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

**Following the service all are welcome to join the family at 6:30 pm at the Harbor View Room at [Pusser's Caribbean Grille](#) in Annapolis, Maryland for a reception.**

**Carol will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.**

**In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, MD/DC/DE Chapter, P.O. Box 186, Pasadena, MD 21123-0186 in memory of Carol Roman.**

**Tony Skivo  
Vice Commodore**

## Carol Howe



**On Monday, May 16, 2011 of Bowie, MD. Wife of LTC Robert L. Howe, USA (Ret); Mother of Gretchen C. Reimert and Kirsten L. Reimert (Cliff Haithcock); Sister of Daniel, Jim, Marsha, Matt Roman, and Tina Ball; Step-mother of Andrew (Kathy), Joanna, and Robert Howe; Grandmother of Collin Haithcock, Jessica and Kelly Howe. Family will receive friends at the Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, 16000 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD on Monday, May 23, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m., where a celebration of Carol's life will be held at 4 p.m.**

**(March 5, 1947 - May 16, 2011)**

**Internment at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, MD/DC/DE Chapter, PO Box 189, Pasadena, MD 21123-0186 in memory of Carol Roman.**

### **Visitation**

**Monday, May 23, 2011 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Robert E. Evans Funeral Home**

**16000 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715 | 301-464-8836**

### **[Driving Directions](#)**

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