

# **The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the C Scow Blue Chip Regatta**

**September 18 – 20, 2009**

The **2009 C Scow Blue Chip Regatta** marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year for this prestigious sailing event. An invitation to the C Scow Blue Chip regatta has long been an honored tradition for many C Scow sailors. As we prepare to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will continue to follow the traditional invitation process in order to assemble the very best of the best from the National C Scow Sailing Association.

Additionally, for this very special celebration, we are inviting all previous **C Scow Blue Chip Champions**. Over the last 49 years there have been 30 different Champions. They have included the very best names in Scow Sailing with skippers like Buddy Melges, Gordy Bowers, Bill Allen, Jack Strothman, Kent Haeger, Andy Burdick, Jim Glueck and Augie Barkow...just to name a few.

Invitations have gone out to all past champions and we are thrilled to tell you, 6 past champions have already committed to attend. In fact we are honored that Steve Hancock, the 1961 Champion, has accepted his invitation.

Plans are well under way to make this the best **C Scow Blue Chip** to date. We also have our Mystery Guest confirmed for this year. We can't name names of course, but can tell you he was originally slated to attend in 2001, but due to the circumstances surrounding September 11, his plans were canceled.

We will continue to update the progress being made with our plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, including updates on past champions who are making commitments to attend. The entire Pistakee Yacht Club is very excited and honored to host this great event. We wish each and every one of you a very successful C Scow sailing season and look forward to putting your name on an invitation to the **50th Anniversary of the C Scow Blue Chip Regatta**.

Sincerely,

Michael Morgan

Chairman – **C Scow Blue Chip Committee**