

*Sailing Singles
of Southwest Florida*

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Cape Coral, FL 33990



April 2008

Fellow Sailors;

Keep your eyes and ears open for any "Heads UP" regarding upcoming events. You can rest assured that all of the captains and the cruise director will be working hard at coming up with an abundance of destinations for our sailing season.

If any of you had any enjoyable activity that you would like to share with the members pen a story, email it to newsletter@sailing-singles.net and we can post it in the February Newsletter.

Fair Sailing To Ye All
Ken Schneider, Editor.

Who's Who

Commodore:	Gheorge Nemes
Vice Commodore:	Ron Mueller
Secretary:	Marilyn Gladish
Treasurer:	Connie Trowbridge
Directors:	Sonia Raymond
	Ann Lieberman
Membership:	Evelyn Hoop
Cruise Committee Spokesman:	Joy Hansen
Telephone:	Darlene Kittinger
Newsletter Editor:	Ken Schneider
Website Editor:	Ken Schneider
Heads Up:	Ken Schneider

Upcoming Events

Sailing Events:

04/12 – 04/13/2008 Half Fast Race - Overnight Sail, call Joy to sign up.
04/26 – 04/27/2008 Captain's Choice Day Sail, call Joy to sign up.

NON-Sailing Events:

04/04/2008 T G I F, *note* that this month it is being held at the Bridge
Restaurant again.
04/10/2008 Board Meeting.
04/17/2008 Membership Meeting. Election of Board of Directors

Happy Birthday!

Jim George - 4/3
Bob Hammer – 4/22
Chuck Gallagher - 4/29

Les Emery - 4/4
Glenn Tomlinson – 4/24

Nancy Grace - 4/14
Ken Schneider – 4/26

New Members,

Let's give a warm welcome to our new members. John Lindley and Ken James.

Member Notes,

It's that time of our season when we need to start the election of officers process. Nomination of officers is now open until the election at our members meeting this month. If at all possible I highly recommend that all of our members attend our meeting in April to take part in the voting process. Voting, per our bylaws, can only be done in person.

As of the publication date of this newsletter the following nominations have been submitted:

SAILING SINGLES 2008-09 Ballot

Nominees are listed alphabetically

Commodore:

Jan Hladik
Ron Mueller

Vice Commodore:

Darlene Kittinger
Ann Lieberman

Secretary:

Kathy Della Bella

Treasurer:

Marilyn Gladish
Julie Richardson

Membership:

Evelyn Hoop

Cruise Director:

Joy Hansen

Directors (vote for 2):

Chuck Gallagher
Joan Kachel
Gene Kaser

WRITE Ins (night of voting only)

YOU MUST BE PRESENT 4/17 TO VOTE

Caribbean Adventure: by Jocelyn Erickson

WOW! Want to hear about good sailing in the Caribbean?

Hi S/S/C Sailors! I'm home from 2 weeks sailing with Canadian friends, from Saint Martin, Netherlands Antilles, to Tortola



(BVI)! Fantastic winds filled the sails every day! First day, sailing from Dutch side to French side (St. Martin), I glanced over my shoulder to see the (yup!) Heineken Regatta bearing down on us! We moved over a scosh, and breezed right into port with those big boys! USA was nicely represented - hearty crews! - (These are "megaboats" and a pretty sight they are with 5 and 6 spreaders on their masts!). Music and celebrating by all in town wafted over the water that night, and on days following, we jumped off boat to swim in crystal clear turquoise water! (Once 3 baby sharks swam by just as we boarded for lunch! Good timing! We weren't their lunch!). With flea markets galore, touring islands by rental car, and hiking in mountains, the highlight of the sail to Virgin Gorda and Tortola (BVI) was 'praying' for the 20-25 foot swells heading off P.R. toward us, "to stop!" (Repeated radio warnings to "stay off beaches: people and animals will be washed away!" got our attention!) We moved

the boat to a cove on the south side of Marina Cay with almost 100 other boats, and rocked & rolled for two days! When mother nature settled down to lesser seas, we splashed through in the dinghy to land, determined to see Tortola by taxi before I flew back home.

My last evening: Restaurant entertainment at Marina Cay was a silly but very talented man with feet rapidly pounding a rhythm while (I) shook maracas and he sang Jimmy Buffet's songs!.....Then there were pirate jokes, (and punishment!): 20 of us who answered correctly had to gulp 1/2 a jigger of purser's rum- (yuk!)

Through immigration and customs, (3 more times!) as I ferried to Tortola, flew back to Saint Martin, north to Atlanta, - (thanks Delta!) - then south again, and I was on terra firma at 1 am in Ft. Lauderdale! (Good thing my daughter and family live there!) It was a blast~ wish I could have joined my friends earlier in Trinidad and stayed on for a few more islands! (Income tax brought me back!) The sailor's life for me! Yo!Ho!
Now, mateys, where is your next adventure? it's out there just for you!
Keep sailing!

Jocelyn Erickson

Mystery Photo of the month:



The first one to guess where our fellow club members were when this photo was taken, will win a free copy of our newsletter.

If anyone has any pictures from any club outings and would like to have them added to our website send them (preferably on CD) to Ken Schneider and include which outing they are from.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for a newsletter, please call Ken or send him an email at newsletter@sailing-singles.net . Any member can submit an article so if you have had an enjoyable experience feel free to share it with the rest of the members. And articles are not limited to sailing outings but can be from any outing with other club members.

Classifieds:

If you are a member of the club and have a nautical item to sell please contact our commodore to get approval to place your ad in our newsletter classifieds.

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