

*Sailing Singles
of Southwest Florida*

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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 the upcoming 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 December Newsletter.

Fair Sailing To Ye All
Ken Schneider, Editor.

Who's Who

Commodore:	George Nemes
Vice Commodore:	Jan Hladik
Secretary:	Marilyn Gladish
Treasurer:	Connie Trowbridge
Membership:	Evelyn Hoop
Cruise Committee Spokesman:	Paul Moran
Directors:	Ron Mueller
	Ann Lieberman
Telephone:	Darlene Kittinger
Newsletter Editor:	Ken Schneider
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Upcoming Events

Plans are under way for our current season. Stay posted for further details. If any members have any ideas of activities that we can participate in please give Jan a call to get it scheduled. We are not limited to sailing don't you know.

Check Paul's article in the “*Member Notes*” section for some upcoming sailing events.

Our annual Christmas party is on December 15 starting at 6:00pm at The Bridge Restaurant. Early birds will get to enjoy some appetizers provided by the club so don't be late.

Ken Schneider is hosting this years Christmas Day get together. If you are reading this online, click on the following link to view a [google map to Ken's house](#). Please RSVP so that we can know how many people to provision grub for. There will also be a grab-a-gift gift exchange. It is requested that all gifts be gender neutral and no more then \$10.00. Contact Ken at 239-458-9573 for more information and to RSVP.

Happy Birthday!

John McPherson	- 12/2	Jo-Ann Gerry	- 12/12
Pequetti Bouwkamp	- 12/17	Walter Flowers	- 12/17
George Lewis	- 12/17	Ann Lieberman	- 12/17
Paul Moran	- 12/17		

WOW. Five members with the same birthday this month!

Member Notes,

CRUISING CORNER:

by **Paul Moran,**
Cruise Spokesperson

There is a Captains Choice Sail scheduled for December 1 & 2. Sign Up sheet is open and will remain open until November 26. Contact Paul Moran [239-368-7332] to join this event.

The Fort Myers Boat Parade will be held December 8. Again this year Mary Burch has graciously offered to allow us to gather at her home to decorate the boats and join in some great times. Contact Mary Burch to let her know you're coming. In the mean time start thinking about what to do for decorations, last year "Bright Star" came in the money. Lets try and do better this year and win the award for best of the parade.

There is a Captains Choice Sail scheduled for December 31 & January 1. Sign Up sheet is open and will remain open until December 26. Contact Paul Moran [239-368-7332] to join this event.



STRICTLY SAIL, ST. PETERSBURG:

by **Ann Lieberman,**

Commodore George Nemes, Paul Moran, Bob Weisman, and I met at Cracker Barrel restaurant for breakfast on Saturday, November 3rd. After breakfast we traveled to explore the Strictly Sail boat show. Once there we checked out the exhibitors' tents and the new product gallery.

George met a couple from Hudson who know Les and Judy Emery. They said that Les has sold his sailboat and bought a trawler which they have docked for the winter and will continue their circle tour when spring returns to the northland.

At one of the booths we met sailors from Bay Sailors, a sailing club for singles. Their website is <http://www.baysailors.org> in case you would like to check it out.

Lastly we went to the docks and toured some of the many boats in the show. Each one of us found our dream boat. It's good that dreams don't cost anything or the four of us would be broke.

By this time we were getting a little hungry so we headed for the trolley which took us back to the car. Bob suggested an interesting little restaurant, the Fourth Street Shrimp Market, for a late lunch. The seafood and beverages hit the spot.

We returned home just as the sun was setting. It was agreed by all that the show was worth visiting and the weather couldn't have been better.



PICNICING on Picnic Island.

by Ken Schneider

As most members are aware of the recent club outing/weekend sail, here are my observations.

Barbara Rumpolt and myself joined Bob Yahn on Bountiful Saturday morning for the start of the weekend trip. We were packed up and on our way around 9:30 and made it the the Sanibel bridge around 11:00. We proceeded out to San Carlos Bay and by 12:00 winds finally started to pick up. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon sailing until it was time to head to Picnic Island for the evening barbecue. We dropped the hook around 4:30 and while Bob and I readied the dinghy Barbara prepared our boats potluck disk which was potato salad, very tasty by the way Barb. Our resident pyro-maniac, Darlene started the bonfire so as to have a way to cook the dogs and burgers and in no time at all everything was ready to be consumed. The night sky soon fell upon us and we all gathered around the bonfire to enjoy it's warm glow. In short order the fixins for smores were brought out and quite a few enjoyed the tasty treats, one member in particular enjoyed quite a few of the tasty treats and I doubt I would be able to beat this member in a smores eating competition. I don't want to mention any names but "Bright Star" comes to mind rather quickly. It was soon time to call it a night and head back to the boats in order to rest up for the next mornings scavenger hunt. The following morning I awoke with a terrible sore throat and could hardly talk and Barb wanted a break from her work week so we elected to stay aboard the hospital ship "Bountiful" for the duration of the scavenger hunt. Maybe next time I'll be able to participate. Bob was soon back aboard and I helped to secure the dinghy. About the time I noticed everyone else was returning to their respective boats we decided to weigh anchor and go do some sailing. We cranked up the iron sail and motored back to San Carlos Bay and as it turned out there wasn't even enough wind to blow out a match, or so it seemed. About 3:00pm it was time to head back to Bob's place and dock the hospital ship till next time. I often tell non-sailors that a bad day on the water is always better than a good day on land.

Till next time, fair winds to ye all.

Mystery Photo of the month:



Where in the world could these sailors be. Some would say they needed to learn another language to deal with the locals. The first one to guess 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 George or Jan to get approval to place your ad here.

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