

Sailing Singles

of Southwest Florida

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



January 2009

Fellow Sailors;

Keep your eyes and ears open mates 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.

Fair Sailing To Ye All
Ken Schneider, Editor.

Who's Who

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Upcoming Events

Sailing Events:

12/31/2008	Sail in the afternoon and raft up for sunset supper and games until the
01/01/2009	midnight fireworks celebration begins. New Years Day starts out with a community raft-up breakfast before setting off for a day sail to start the new year!
01/03/2009	Day sail, Captains Choice

Additional dates will be posted via email as they are finalized.

NON-Sailing Events:

01/02/2009	Captains meeting to discuss sail destinations, 4 PM Matanza's Inn
01/02/2009	Happy Hour @ 5 PM at Matanza's Inn Upper Deck
01/08/2009	Board of Directors meeting, Bonita Bill's starting at 7:00pm sharp.
01/15/2009	Membership meeting, Bonita Bill's starting at 7:00pm sharp.

Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to all fellow sailors!! I am looking forward to the sailing and social events planned for the months ahead. Most importantly are the Captain's meetings. Mary Burch has put a lot of effort into trying to provide sailing events for the club. It is very important for as many Captains as possible to attend and participate in these planning sessions. As a Captain, if for any reason you are unable to attend, please be in contact with Mary to discuss your availability for sails and suggestions for destinations and associated activities. I know the winds can be fickle, making it hard to plan very far in advance. But we do have a short notice sail listing of crew. So if you see a prediction for good sailing weather, be in touch with Joy Hansen, the cruise director for possible crew members to join you.

Jan Hladik, Commodore

Happy Birthday!

Martha Robinson 01/04 Jocelyn Erickson 01/07 Gail Gerberich 01/18

New Members,

Let's give a warm welcome to our new or returning members.

Interesting reading,

This months news you can use:

<http://www.sailing-singles.net/NewsPressArticles/SlowDown.html>

[More interesting articles can be found on our web site.](#)

<http://www.sailing-singles.net>

Crews Corner:

FT. MYERS BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE

SAILING SINGLES CLUB TOOK 1ST AND 3RD PLACE TROPHIES IN THIS ANNUAL EVENT!!!!

Congratulations to all club members who so graciously brought wonderful dishes to pass, manned the kitchen duties and did all the decorating on the three boats. We were able to get everyone on board to ride the parade route and even had songs sung to our spectators by our new member captain Blue who gave forth with his own Christmas Hippopotamus song. Trophies will be on display at our next member meeting.

ATTENTION ALL CAPTAINS:

IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING: FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd ...4 PM
LOWER WATER SIDE DECK AT MANTANZAS INN.

This will be a meeting to plan a schedule of club sailing events for the coming months of the year. Please be early so we can start on time. We need all the boats possible to participate in order to have a fun and successful season. Bring your suggestions and ideas. Afterwards we will go to the TGIF on the upper deck.

"SAILING SKILLS" CLASSES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JAN 14 7PM BOARDWALK CAPER UNIT #52

Any club member who is seriously interested in learning about sailing and improving their crewing skills is invited to attend this meeting. The program will include using vessel "Bright Star" for "hands on" instruction. This meeting will be used to explain the program further and to select agreeable times for the meeting. If interested call Mary Burch...466-2620.

CREW TIPS FOR THE MONTH

(ESPECIALLY FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS)

1. Be sure to read the "Crew Tips" section of your club manual you received when you joined.
2. For DAY cruises...always bring your own SMALL cooler with your drinks for the day and lunch. (mid afternoon goodies optional) and appropriate jackets, etc for existing weather.
3. For OVERNITE cruises bring...a sleeping bag, your own traveler mug..(your cup for the weekend) and appropriate clothing. Always remember there is very little storage on sail boats so keep everything to a minimum.

4. Menus will be planned by captains and crew members for OVERNITE sails. If you are asked to bring a dish to pass....a "one disher," already made at home, is easiest on the boat and requires little use of clean up and storage in any freezers. Always work with your captain on those details.

5. If you sign up for cruises be pretty sure you are going to go. If for some emergency reason you cannot go....call your captain as soon as possible so someone else can take your place. NO SHOWS are not acceptable.

BIG THING IS TO HAVE FUN!

"HEAVE TO"

No, this is not what you think! It is a maneuver used by captains to slow down and bring their vessels to a stop while sailing. In easy terms the boat is turned up thru the wind (like tacking) but the jib is left in place as is, back winding. The main is eased a bit and the wheel is turned to windward and secured tightly (if vessel has a tiller..it is turned to leeward). The headsail (or jib) balances the actions of the mainsail and rudder so the boat stays in one position. It is used when repairs are needed, to eat a meal in comfort, to reef a mainsail or make any other adjustments. In our club we use it a lot for lunch times or "swim breaks" in warmer weather. It is also used to "ride out" heavy weather.

Cruise Corner:

We are all involved with sailing and motor boating and we enjoy boating with other members of sailing-singles. The first aspect of boating is safety, and the second is, each captain is in command of his or her boat.

With these two principles in mind, we can avoid controversy and enjoy the sport of boating. My job as cruise spokesperson is to coordinate our boating activities and to accomplish this challenge we must all work together as a team. Team work for our club means-

1. Captains meeting and working together to discuss dates, times, weather, routes, and docking.
2. Crew meeting and working together to discuss dates, times, food, and entertainment.
3. Sailing single club members meeting and working together to provide input and support for our captains and crews.

Thanks for appointing me cruise spokesman. Our club is the best and I know we are all looking forward to a safe and active boating season.

JOY HANSEN

Member Notes,

Fellow sailors and sailorettes,

I will be undergoing surgery in January and will not be able to edit/publish the newsletter for February and possibly March. Darlene and Chuck have volunteered to help edit/publish the newsletter during these months. For the first couple of weeks after surgery I may not even be able to read any emails. If you have any requests or articles for the newsletter be sure to contact Darlene and/or Chuck to have these items included in the newsletter.

Fair winds to ye all,

Ken

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John McPherson is resting comfortably at his mother's home in Largo, FL.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery John.

Terminology from A-Z, This month we take a look at the letter “**D**”

- **Daggerboard** – A type of [centerboard](#) that is removed vertically.
- **Davy Jones’ Locker** – An [idiom](#) for the bottom of the sea
- **Daybeacon** – An unlighted fixed structure which is equipped with a dayboard for daytime identification.
- **Deadeye** – A wooden block with holes which is spliced to a shroud. It is used to adjust the tension in the [standing rigging](#) of large sailing vessels, by lacing through the holes with a lanyard to the deck. Performs the same job as a turnbuckle.
- **Decks** – the structures forming the approximately horizontal surfaces in the ship's general structure. Unlike flats, they are a structural part of the ship.
- **Deck hand** – A person whose job involves aiding the deck supervisor in (un)mooring, anchoring, maintenance, and general evolutions on deck.
- **Deck supervisor** – The person in charge of all evolutions and maintenance on deck; sometimes split into two groups: forward deck supervisor, aft deck supervisor.
- **Derrick** – A lifting device composed of one mast or pole and a boom or jib which is hinged freely at the bottom.
- **Devil seam** – The devil was possibly a slang term for the garboard seam, hence "between the devil and the deep blue sea" being an allusion to keel hauling, but a more popular version seems to be the seam between the waterway and the [stanchions](#) which would be difficult to get at, requiring a cranked caulking iron, and a restricted swing of the caulking mallet.
- **Devil to pay (or Devil to pay, and no pitch hot)** – 'Paying' the Devil is sealing the devil seam. It is a difficult and unpleasant job (with no resources) because of the shape of the seam (up against the [stanchions](#)) or if the devil refers to the garboard seam, it must be done with the ship slipped or careened..
- **Directional light** – A light illuminating a sector or very narrow angle and intended to mark a direction to be followed.
- **Dog watch** – A short [watch](#) period, generally half the usual time (e.g. a two hour watch between two four hour ones). Such a watch might be included in order to slowly rotate the system over several days for fairness, or to allow both watches to eat their meals at approximately normal times.
- **Dolphin** – A structure consisting of a number of piles driven into the seabed or riverbed in a circular pattern and drawn together with wire rope.
- **Downhaul** – A line used to control either a mobile [spar](#), or the shape of a sail.
- **Draft** – The depth of a ship's keel below the waterline.
- **Dressing down** – Treating old sails with oil or wax to renew them, or a verbal reprimand.
- **Driver** – The large sail flown from the mizzen gaff.
- **Driver-mast** – The fifth mast of a six-masted barquentine or gaff schooner. It is preceded by the jigger mast and followed by the spanker mast. The sixth mast of the only seven-masted vessel, the gaff schooner [Thomas W. Lawson](#), was normally called the pusher-mast.
- **Dunnage** – Loose packing material used to protect a ship's cargo from damage during transport. Personal baggage.

Mystery Photo of the month:

The first one to guess which boat parade these fellow sailors where watching, 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.

For Sale:

Perfect for fishing from sailboat or wherever there is large fish.
2 Eagle Claw Granger Ocean spinning rods (8') & reels and 1 Penn Baymaster rod/reel medium light 15-25 lb. line. Best Offer Call 433-0998 Marilyn

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