

# *Sailing Singles*

*of Southwest Florida*

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## **May 2009**

Fellow Sailors;

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS. Fellow sailors, we are in need of a couple of volunteers to assist with the newsletter and web site. No experience necessary as I can provide any help needed. The only requirement is the need for a computer and internet access, preferably high speed. All necessary software will be provided and is available from the internet via free download. Please give me a call if you are interested in helping out the club.

Fair Winds To Ye All  
Ken Schneider, Editor.

## **Who's Who**

Commodore:	Jan Hladik
Vice Commodore:	Darlene Kittinger
Secretary:	Barbara Rumpolt
Treasurer:	Joan Kachel
Directors:	Chuck Gallagher
	Gene Kaser
Membership:	Marilyn Gladish
Cruise Committee Spokesman:	Joy Hansen
Telephone:	Paul Moran
Newsletter Editor:	Ken Schneider
Website Editor:	Ken Schneider
Heads Up:	Ken Schneider

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sailing Events:**

Extended sailing trips are being planned for the second and fourth weekends in May. Stay in contact with Mary Burch for further details

### **NON-Sailing Events:**

05/01/2009	Happy Hour @ 5 PM at Matanza's Inn Upper Deck
05/13/2009	Board of Directors meeting.
05/21/2009	Membership meeting, Bonita Bill's starting at 7:00pm sharp. Election of officers

## **Commodore's Corner**

With the month of May here our club "year" is nearly over and we need to think about summer plans. The first question is, do you want to have a dinner on the third Thursdays of the month as we have done in the past? It's a good way of maintaining the mindset of meeting night. Then of course someone will have to arrange for the dinners: select a restaurant, confirm they will provide separate checks, determine when they need a final count, have Ken send out a HEADS UP with the information and a RSVP deadline, then call the final number into the restaurant. It really is not much work for June, July, August and September. A different volunteer can do it each month if four months seems like too much work. It's time for more volunteers, so if someone does not volunteer to pick up this project, there will be no dinners this summer.

**Jan Hladik, Commodore**

## **Happy Birthday!**

Barbara Paulk	05/01	George Cuic	05/01	Joan Kachel	05/03
Julie Richardson	05/12	Betsy Vanesse	05/17	Rick Gulliksen	05/17
Barbara Sharkey	05/19	Josephine Greco	05/31		

## **New Members,**

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

## **Interesting reading,**

This month's news you can use:

[Getaways that don't require tons of fuel by Wayne and Joan Church](#)

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

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

**Crews Corner:**

SAILING SCHEDULE FOR MAY:

Tentative Sailing plans for May and June include extended sails on the 2nd and 4th weekends of May as well as an extended weekend sometime in June. There will be a number of impromptu day sails during each month announced through "HeadsUp" messages as their time nears. Room will naturally be limited for the overnight trips so be sure to contact Mary Burch in order to have your name placed on the list for consideration.

CALL: MARY BURCH AT 466-2620

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**ENJOY OUR SAILING EXCURSIONS!!!!**

Mary Burch

**Lost & Found:**

If you have lost anything at one of gatherings or found something let me know and I will add it here.

## Member Notes,

### RESCUE AT SEA! by Jocelyn Erickson

Being a sea-lover, the Caribbean Islands were calling and I went!

Jumping off a huge catamaran at Aruba and another at La Romana, Dominican Republic was a thrill. Beginning just off the north coast of South America, I snorkeled in cool mint blue water with dozens of purple parrot fish, queen angels, black and gold striped Sergeant Majors circling me. The Netherlands Antilles islands are very colorful with pink, blue, yellow, green homes and buildings; Curacao is especially interesting with (removable) floating markets and bridges.

On the open seas cruising from Aruba it had only been mentioned casually prior to a musical program, that "24 people had been murdered in Trinidad, (so) after leaving Curacao we would bypass Trinidad and continue on to Barbados and Grenada". (the beautiful 'Spice Islands'). Diplomatically preventing panic, I'd say. So well done, that everyone just murmured and settled into enjoying the fantastic musical, then headed up to Deck 14 to graze a la carte a bit and watch the outdoor movie until midnight. With almost 3,000 passengers on board involved in bingo, casino, nightclubs and disco on Deck 16, many never heard the announcement. No pall hovered over the limbo contest, Electric Slide, nor the Merengue dancing on several brightly lit decks.

I never heard the announcement again. It was never mentioned at dinner from our prime ribs and lobsters to the grand finale, Baked Alaska. The beautiful ship "Grand Princess" cruised on, stopping at St. Vincent, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, then under Puerto Rico to La Romana and my 2nd cat/snorkel swim.

There is serious repairing going on at Grand Turk from past hurricanes, with a new season in the offing. Ft. Lauderdale was the next stop, because some of us have work to do!

"something missing"? OH YES! I made news on board! I stopped at the ladies' room which happened to be in an obscure corner near the steel band, with folks dancing, laughing, talking and carrying food to the pool area.

The housekeeping lady walked in behind me, locked the heavy metal-clad door- and we couldn't get out! Yanking, pulling, locking/unlocking! After about 15 minutes of my pounding on the door, someone reported trouble- and (3) officers in white uniforms slammed the door until it opened. A genuine study in (forced) calmness on my part, it was a "CRUISE TO REMEMBER"!

### Easter Picnic notes from Paul Moran

Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the recent picnic at Lover's Key Bay Side Park. There were 31 attendees who socialized, ate and kayaked in the back bay waters during the day. . As is normal for our group the contributed foodstuffs were outstanding. We were unable to secure the larger pavilion this year but still managed to tuck almost everyone under the smaller pavilion to stay out of the sun at least part of the time. I know for a fact that several people were taking pictures during the day so visit our website to view them and more.

### Half Fast Regatta by Paul Moran

Saturday, April 25, 2009 dawned bright and with a good breeze. The race crews rushed to their various boats and awaited the time to leave for the starting line. With preparations complete the Bright Star, captained by Mary Burch, sailed out the canal into the fray.

Captain Gib and Toy Boy II along with his intrepid crew of Chuck Gallagher and Edmund Nalewaik were bobbing away at anchor on the start-finish line. As the boats arrived they transferred dinghies to the Toy Boy for the race. After quite a good bit of turning and dodging of boats and flailing of boat hooks the transfers were made and the boats tried to keep from colliding with anyone while still maintaining their position for the starting time.

In no particular order the racing boats and crews waited for the start. You had Captain Clarence Yahn with the Bountiful and his crew consisting of Darlene Kittinger, Gayle Nathan and Maria Bartram. Next came the good ship Too Relaxed with Captain Tom Edleman and his capable crew of Captain George Cuic, Glenda Whitley-Savat and Diane Eisenhower. Filling out the racing schedule was the Bright Star, captained jointly by Captains Deena Kirkey and Mary Burch with additional crew of Ann Lieberman, Barbara Rumpolt, Joan Kachel and Paul Moran. Unfortunately the Nauti Gal with Captain Sonia Raymond and Captain Robert Peer were late in arriving at the start-finish line and decided to forgo the race this year.

Without much more ado, the time to start arrived and with horn blasts to signal it the boats were off much like a herd of turtles. As quite a big surprise to this reporter all managed to cross the start line without crashing into anyone. Then the crews fought with the wind and each other to sail south to the elusive Outer Marker, Bright Star managed to reach the Marker first and sailed past to effect a turn back north but demonstrated a very good example of a jibe, naturally this was

done as a learning exercise for the crew and had the additional benefit of permitting both the Bountiful and Too Relaxed an opportunity to take the lead all the while the Bright Star floated past the Outer Marker, on the correct side but not very gracefully. The second leg of the race held the biggest thrills as all fought for the lead, gradually the Bountiful took the lead and was followed by the Bright Star and Too Relaxed. Each boat encountered difficulties with the wind and getting closer to the Toy Boy II it was Bountiful and Bright Star, Bright Star managed to tack and sailed past Toy Boy II first, Bountiful got caught by the effects of the wind and lost ground just as the Too Relaxed caught up and managed to sail to a second place win. All in all it was a great race enjoyed by all.

Following the finish of the race the crews decided to do what they have been known to do best. They sailed to Picnic Island for foodstuffs and grog. Along the way they picked up several more participants being Captain Tom Blue with Cayo Mio and his crew of Janet Hladik and Bill Bradford. After testing the dinghy engines it was found that only half were running which required the services of captains Clarence Yahn and Gib Strasburg to shuttle crews and gear back and forth from boats to land. Finally all were ashore and eating commenced, again we enjoyed great food, ask about the shrimp boil, and good friendship. Commodore Janet Hladik presented the "Half Fast" award to Bright Star and club burgees to Captains' Tom Blue and Tom Edleman for their boats. Later we had a bonfire with wood provided by Captain Yahn and his chainsaw.

Sunday morning came and we all sailed off into a new day. If you didn't have a chance to join in this year don't forget to sign up when the chance comes for next year.

**Terminology from A-Z,** This month we take a look at the letters “**I-K**”

I

- \* Icing – A serious hazard where cold temperatures (below about -10°C) combined with high wind speed (typically force 8 or above on the Beaufort scale) result in spray blown off the sea freezing immediately on contact with the ship
- \* Idlers – Members of a ship's company not required to serve watches. These were in general specialist tradesmen such as the carpenter and the sailmaker.
- \* Inglefield clip – A type of clip for attaching a flag to a flag halyard.
- \* In Irons – When the bow of a sailboat is headed into the wind and the boat has stalled and is unable to maneuver
- \* In the offing – In the water visible from on board a ship, now used to mean something imminent.
- \* Inboard-Outboard drive system – A larger Power Boating alternative drive system to transom mounted outboard motors.
- \* In-water survey – a method of surveying the underwater parts of a ship while it is still afloat instead of having to dry-dock it for examination of these areas as was conventionally done.

J

- \* Jacklines or jack stays – Lines, often steel wire with a plastic jacket, from the bow to the stern on both port and starboard. The Jack Lines are used to clip on the safety harness to secure the crew to the vessel while giving them the freedom to walk on the deck.
- \* Jack tar – A sailor dressed in 'square rig' with square collar. Formerly with a tarred pigtail.
- \* Jetsam – Debris ejected from a ship that sinks or washes ashore. See also flotsam.
- \* Jib – A triangular staysail at the front of a ship.
- \* Jibboom – A spar used to extend the bowsprit.
- \* Jibe - See gybe.
  - Jigger-mast – The fourth mast, although ships with four or more masts were uncommon, or the aft most mast where it is smallest on vessels of less than four masts.
- \* Jollies – Traditional Royal Navy nickname for the Royal Marines.

- \* Joggle – a slender triangular recess cut into the faying surface of a frame or steamed timber to fit over the land of clinker planking, or cut into the faying edge of a plank or rebate to avoid feather ends on a streak of planking. The feather end is cut off to produce a nib. The joggle and nib in this case is made wide enough to allow a caulking iron to enter the seam.
- \* Junk – Old cordage past its useful service life as lines aboard ship. The strands of old junk were teased apart in the process called picking oakum.

## K

- \* Keel – The central structural basis of the hull
- \* Keelhauling – Maritime punishment: to punish by dragging under the keel of a ship.
- \* Kelson – The timber immediately above the keel of a wooden ship.
- \* Killick – A small anchor. A fouled killick is the substantive badge of non-commissioned officers in the RN. Seamen promoted to the first step in the promotion ladder are called 'Killick'. The badge signifies that here is an Able Seaman skilled to cope with the awkward job of dealing with a fouled anchor.
- \* Kissing the gunner's daughter – bend over the barrel of a gun for punitive spanking with a cane or cat
- \* King plank – The centerline plank of a laid deck. Its sides are often recessed, or nibbed, to take the ends of their parallel curved deck planks.
- \* Knee – Connects two parts roughly at right angles, eg. deck beams to frames.
- \* Knot - A unit of speed: one nautical mile (1.852 kilometres) per hour. Originally speed was measured by paying out a line from the stern of a moving boat. The line had a knot every 47 feet 3 inches (14.4 m), and the number of knots passed out in 30 seconds gave the speed through the water in nautical miles per hour.
- \* Know the ropes – A sailor who 'knows the ropes' is familiar with the miles of cordage and ropes involved in running a ship.

**Mystery Photo of the month:**

The first one to guess when this meeting was held, 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 that wishes to submit an article for a newsletter, please call Ken or send him an email at [newsletter@sailing-singles.net](mailto: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:**

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