

Sailing Singles

of Southwest Florida

2030 SE 14th Ter
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Happy Holidays



December 2009

Fellow Sailors;

I have activated an additional website that will be used for storing all of our club pictures and also will be where our activity calendars can be found until further notice. The web address is: <http://www.meetup.com/Sailing-Singles-of-Southwest-Florida/>. Please bookmark this site for future reference.

Fair Winds To Ye All
Ken Schneider, Editor.

Who's Who

Commodore:	Jan Hladik
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Newsletter Editor:	Ken Schneider
Website Editor:	Ken Schneider
Heads Up:	Ken Schneider

Upcoming Events

Sailing Events:

- 12/12/2009 Day Sail, captains choice
12/31/2009 New Year's eve sail

NON-Sailing Events:

- 12/04/2009 Happy Hour @ 5 PM Harbourside at **Marinatown, Nt. Ft. Myers**
Hancock Bridge Parkway west of 41.
12/05/2009 Ft. Myers Beach Boat Parade
12/10/2009 **NO** Board of Directors meeting in December
12/17/2009 **NO** Business meeting in December
12/17/2009 Annual Christmas party held this year at Sam Seltzer's

Commodore's Corner

A Happy Holidays to all in the Club. We take a break from the usual, in that there will be no Board of Directors or General Membership meetings this month. Instead we spend our time participating in the Ft. Myers Beach Boat Parade and enjoying our only "dress up" occasion of the year, our Christmas Party on December 19th. This gives our members the opportunity to enjoy the holiday season in whatever manner fits their style and schedule. Then January through April is the "prime time" of our club, with the greatest opportunities for sailing. Captains are encouraged to make their boats available to club members as crew even though they may only be able to accommodate 1 or 2 crew members. Club members are encouraged to participate as crew. If you don't know the basics of sailing, don't be shy about saying you are just learning, as those who have experience will gladly help you. The first name of our club is SAILING, and that is what we should be doing!

Jan Hladik, Commodore

Happy Birthday!

John McPherson	12/02	Tom Edleman	12/06	Tom Blue	12/17
Walter Flowers	12/17	Ann Lieberman	12/17	Paul Moran	12/17

New Members,

Let's give a warm welcome to our new member.

Harold Fleming

Interesting reading,

This month's internet news you can use:

[Florida passed new laws taking effect 7/1/09 and 10/1/09 concerning anchoring.](#)

[More articles can be found on our website http://www.sailing-singles.net](http://www.sailing-singles.net)

Crews Corner:

SAILING SCHEDULE FOR 2009/2010:

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 Deena Kirkey in order to have your name placed on the list for consideration.

CALL: Deena Kirkey AT 267-4982

ENJOY OUR SAILING EXCURSIONS!!!!

Lost & Found:

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

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:

Member Notes,

A Wonderful Safe Harbor by Capt. Blue

This past Thanksgiving Cayo Mio spent a safe and protected 2 days in Hurricane Hole behind Cayo Costa. There were some pretty rough waters out in Pelican Bay from the chatter on the VHF due to high winds, but the waters were calm in "hole". Fortunately Thursday Morning's fog and mist cleared off late in the afternoon so the ICW part of the trip wasn't too uncomfortable weather-wise. Unfortunately the north wind brought with it some cool temps at night which were a surprise to me.

Once you transited the NARROW entry channel just past marker 65 the anchorage appeared to be a secure one with protection all around. CMCS had 22 boats rafted up to the mangroves for Thanksgiving dinner so the area was pretty full. Pelican Bay, which is across from this area is larger, but is also more exposed to north winds.

All in all it was a wonderful anchorage site for future trips. Several other boats in the anchorage were heading on up to Venice, Sarasota and eventually to St Pete for the upcoming boat show. So it would appear that this is a frequently used site. It is certainly a better site than off Picnic Island, but it is a longer trip. Fortunately the wind came from the north on our way home and clocked to the west as the day passed. That made for a good sail down the ICW past Cabbage Key and Captiva/Sanibel Islands. Alas it was the wrong direction for transiting up river to Ft Myers.

Cayo Mio handled the trip well, but as is often the case I couldn't get the outboard to start. So another issue to be resolved before we head out again. Hopefully the problem was just bad gas as I had spark.

Hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving....

Captain Tom & Queen Olivia

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

N

- **Nautical mile** – A distance of 1.852 kilometres (1.151 mi). Approximately the distance of one minute of arc of latitude on the Earth's surface. A speed of one nautical mile per hour is called a *knot* (*qv*).
- **Navigation rules** – Rules of the road that provide guidance on how to avoid collision and also used to assign blame when a collision does occur.

O

- **Oakum** – Material used for caulking hulls. Often hemp picked from old untwisted ropes.
- **Oilskins** or **oilies** – Foul-weather clothing worn by sailors.
- **Outboard motor** – A motor mounted externally on the transom of a small boat. The boat may be steered by twisting the whole motor, instead of or in addition to using a rudder.
- **Outhaul** – A line used to control the shape of a sail.
- **Outward bound** – To leave the safety of port, heading for the open ocean.
- **Overbear** – To sail downwind directly at another ship, stealing the wind from its sails.
- **Overfalls** – Dangerously steep and breaking seas due to opposing currents and wind in a shallow area, or strong currents over a shallow rocky bottom.
- **Overhaul** – Hauling the buntline ropes over the sails to prevent them from chaffing.
- **Over-reaching** – When tacking, holding a course too long.
- **Overwhelmed** – Capsized or foundered.
- **Ox-eye** – A cloud or other weather phenomenon that may be indicative of an upcoming storm.

P

- **Parbuckle** – A method of lifting a roughly cylindrical object such as a spar. One end of a rope is made fast above the object, a loop of rope is lowered and passed around the object, which can be raised by hauling on the free end of rope.
- **Parrel** – A movable loop or collar, used to fasten a yard or gaff to its respective mast.
- **Part brass rags** – Fall out with a friend. From the days when cleaning materials were shared between sailors.
- **Paying** – Filling a seam (with caulking or pitch), lubricating the running rigging; paying with slush (q.v.), protecting from the weather by covering with slush.
- **Paymaster** – The officer responsible for all money matters in RN ships including the paying and provisioning of the crew, all stores, tools and spare parts. See also: purser.
- **Pier-head jump** – When a sailor is drafted to a warship at the last minute, just before she sails.
- **Pilot** – Navigator. A specially knowledgeable person qualified to navigate a vessel through difficult waters, e.g. harbour pilot etc.
- **PIM** – Points (or plan) of intended movement. The charted course for a naval unit's movements.

- **Pipe (Bos'n's)**, or a **bos'n's call** – A whistle used by [Boatswains](#) (bosuns or bos'ns) to issue commands. Consisting of a metal tube which directs the breath over an aperture on the top of a hollow ball to produce high pitched notes. The pitch of the notes can be changed by partly covering the aperture with the finger of the hand in which the pipe is held. The shape of the instrument is similar to that of a smoking pipe.
- **Pipe down** – A signal on the bosun's pipe to signal the end of the day, requiring lights (and smoking pipes) to be extinguished and silence from the crew.
- **Piping the side** – A [salute](#) on the bos'n's pipe(s) performed in the company of the deck watch on the [starboard](#) side of the [quarterdeck](#) or at the head of the gangway, to welcome or bid farewell to the ship's [Captain](#), senior officers and honoured visitors.
- **Pitch** – A vessel's motion, rotating about the beam/transverse axis, causing the fore and aft ends to rise and fall repetitively.
- **Pitchpole** – To capsize a boat end over end, rather than by rolling over.
- **Planing** – When a fast-moving vessel skims over the water instead of pushing through it.
- **Pontoon** – A flat-bottomed vessel used as a [ferry](#), [barge](#), [car float](#) or a [float](#) moored alongside a [jetty](#) or a [ship](#) to facilitate boarding.
- **Poop deck** – A high deck on the aft superstructure of a ship.
- **Pooped** –
 1. Swamped by a high, following sea.
 2. Exhausted.
- **Port** – Towards the left-hand side of the ship facing forward (formerly Larboard). Denoted with a red light at night.
- **Porthole** or **port** – an opening in a ship's side, esp. a round one for admitting light and air, fitted with thick glass and, often, a hinged metal cover, a window
- **Port tack** – When sailing with the wind coming from the port side of the vessel. Must give way to boats on *starboard tack*.
- **Press gang** – Formed body of personnel from a ship of the [Royal Navy](#) (either a ship seeking personnel for its own crew or from a 'press tender' seeking men for a number of ships) that would identify and force (press) men, usually merchant sailors into service on naval ships usually against their will.
- **Preventer** (gybe preventer, jibe preventer) – A sail control line originating at some point on the boom leading to a fixed point on the boat's deck or rail (usually a cleat or pad eye) used to prevent or moderate the effects of an accidental [jibe](#).
- **Privateer** – A privately-owned ship authorised by a national power (by means of a [Letter of marque](#)) to conduct hostilities against an enemy. Also called a **private man of war**.
- **Propeller walk** or **prop walk** – tendency for a propeller to push the stern sideways. In theory a right hand propeller in reverse will walk the stern to port.
- **Prow** – a poetical alternative term for bows.
- **Purchase** – A mechanical method of increasing force, such as a tackle or lever.
- **Pusser** – Purser, the person who buys, stores and sells all stores on board ships, including victuals, rum and tobacco.
- **Principal Warfare Officer** – PWO, one of a number of Warfare branch specialist officers.

Mystery Photo of the month:

The first one to guess what is wrong with this launching, 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 . 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.

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