



# ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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## EDITORS NOTE:

May the peace and beauty of the season be with you throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## Who's Who

Commodore:	Ann Lieberman
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## Captains

Mary Burch  
George Cuic  
Tom Edleman  
Deena Kirksey  
Sonia Raymond  
Clarence Yahn

Sailing Singles Club is now a member of the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce!

**Seafaring Superstition:** *If you see a dolphin swimming north, you'll have fair weather. If you see one going south, batten down the hatches.*



## CALENDAR

### DEC 2

TGIF at 5pm  
Bahama Breeze

### DEC 3

Fort Myers Beach Boat Parade  
– more information to follow

### DEC 10-11

Day Sails, both days  
Contact Mary for availability.

### DEC 17

Christmas Party 5pm  
The Sandy Parrot  
Must pay for and place your order  
by Dec 2. Contact Joan Kachel

### DEC 25

Christmas Dinner 2pm  
Clarence Yahn's – sign up at the  
TGIF on December 2nd or call Ann  
Lieberman – bring a \$10.00 gift for  
gift exchange

*Check the website and watch  
"Heads Up" for additional  
outings.*

## BIRTHDAYS

### DEC 6

Tom Edelman

### DEC 11

Stephanie Borden

### DEC 14

Bob Martschinske

### DEC 17

Ann Lieberman  
Paul Moran

## Commodore's Corner [Ann Lieberman]



It takes team work to get things accomplished and that we did at the Fort Myers Boat Show. Thanks to all who volunteered to work the show.

There were a lot of new faces at our last membership meeting. We are growing and it shows when more

than 40 people attend our meetings and people sign up to join the club.

George, Clarence, and Tom took to the high seas with various members on board the morning of Saturday, November 12th. It was a perfect day for sailing and dolphin watching, especially if you were in Pine Island Sound. Mary

and crew took off the next morning. The morning winds were just right for sailing then about 1 o'clock the wind disappeared and did not return. Good winds had been predicted throughout the day. It just goes to show you can't always believe the weatherman.

By the time "Anchors Up" comes out Shannon will have had Thanksgiving dinner at her house and the after Thanksgiving Day 3 day sail to Pelican Bay will have taken place. I'm sure all who participated will have some interesting stories to tell.

Keep watching for Headsup to know what is happening in the club.

Fair winds and smooth sailing to all.

*Ann*

## From the Cruise Director [Mary Burch]

■ **WHAT:** Fort Myers Beach Boat Parade

■ **WHEN:** Sat. Dec 3rd, Boardwalk Caper 12pm

■ **BRING:** Your own drinks for the day and a dish to pass for our meal around 2:30 PM. A ham will be furnished so we need salads, veggies, breads and desserts. Ice will also be available.

■ **WEAR:** Those workers that will be on the boat during the parade please wear something RED....I have Santa hats available to wear. Also bring any noise makers like jingle bells and your bestest loud clear voices to sing "carols" to the crowds.

■ **PARKING:** Because of only a few parking spaces available near my condo...please park at "Oncher's Crab Shack" (adjacent to BWC) entry. Other members will come in cars to pick you up. Carpool if possible. You can also walk down the canal boardwalk to reach my unit #62.

■ **PARADE ROUTE:** "Bright Star" will depart at 5pm for Parrot Key Marina, the starting place. The route will take us past Doc Ford's, under the bridge and onto Siesta Isles' canals. We then go past Pink Shell and back through the harbor to Parrot Key. We will temporarily dock for their Awards Party at Big Game restaurant. Food and Drinks will be available and Goodie Bags will be handed out to all participants. We then will cruise back to our dock.

Any questions call Mary Burch.

## Things you need to know

■ **DECEMBER 10-11**

If you haven't already signed up for one of these daysails and want to be crew, please call Mary before Dec. 1st. I will be assigning boats just after that.

## ■ CHRISTMAS DINNER & NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Please watch "Heads Up" for any sailing plans (according to weather conditions) for these two dates. We may be taking boats out and will need crew for these club gatherings.

■ **IMPROMPTU SAILS** These are sails that may be available during different days in the middle of the weeks when winds become favorable and different boats may be looking for crew members to go along. I am compiling a calling list so if you haven't already signed this list and

wish to be called on these days please call me so I can add your name before I print the lists and give them to the various captains.

## ■ SAILING SKILLS CLASS

I will hold the first class on Sat. Jan 14 on my boat Bright Star. Those who signed up and also anyone else who wants to attend, please put this on your January calendar and I will give you more specific information prior to that date to find my location and time. (10:00 A.M.)

*Cruise Chairman: Mary Burch*

## A Sailor's Dictionary [Bob Weisman]

Points of sail include:

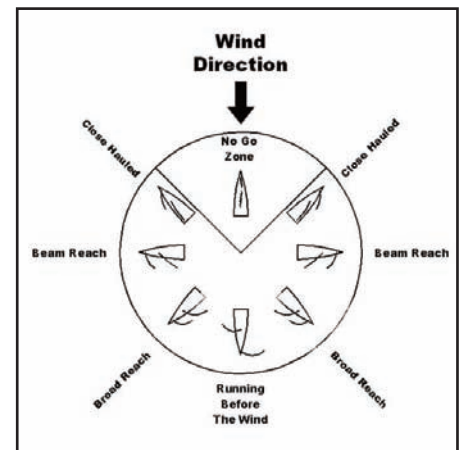
■ **CLOSE HAULED:** having your sails "hauled" as tight as you can get them, as flat as they can be to sail as close to the wind as the boat will go.

■ **CLOSE REACH:** sails eased out a bit from the close hauled position to sail to weather but not as close as possible.

■ **BEAM REACH:** sailing with the wind right on the beam, the sails eased a bit more (usually the best and fastest point of sail).

■ **BROAD REACH:** when the wind is abaft of your beam, the sails eased out a lot.

■ **RUN:** when the wind is directly astern of you, the sails eased out as far as possible (the only time you can sail with sails on both sides of the boat)



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Cut out and add to your recipes

## White Christmas Cocktail

1 fluid ounce heavy cream  
1 fluid ounce vodka  
1 fluid ounce peppermint schnapps  
1 fluid ounce white creme de cacao  
1 cup ice cubes  
1 small candy cane (optional)

Pour the heavy cream, vodka, schnapps, and white creme de cacao into a cocktail shaker over ice. Cover, and shake until the outside of the shaker has frosted. Strain into a chilled glass, and garnish with a mini candy cane to serve.

From: Allrecipes.com

## News & Notes

■ **New Members:** Remember give a warm welcome to new member(s).

### ***This month's internet news you can use:***

Atlas of Pilot Charts

■ More articles can be found on our website

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

■ Take an Online Boating Course - Haven't tried it yet????

It's time to brush up on your boating and safety skills,

<http://www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse>

<http://www.BoatUs.com/games>

**HISTORICAL FACTS:** A key part of Navigation is the Beaufort Wind Scale. The scale lets boaters know what kind of seas to expect and lets sailors know which sails to use.

**GO TO THESE WEBSITES** for a fun way to learn to tie knots with animated illustrations:

<http://www.animatedknots.com>

<http://www.Netknots.com>

<http://www.mrsps.org>

<http://www.Boatsafe.com>

## Weather Lore:

Red Sky in the morning sailors take warning”  
Red Sky in the morning, however, indicates that the dry air has moved east and rain might be coming.

**FROM JOCELYN:** If any of you see my articles in any of the newspapers, clip and save for me.

**Welcome back Snowbirds and loyal Sailing Singles** who have been traipsing around the globe! Our October Picnic at Sanibel was enjoyed by about 44 members, and the food was better than ever. As we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, our Boats will be prepared before long, for the Fort Myers Beach Boat Parade! Also for the Cape Coral Boat Along, if you all sign up post haste!

Come to our Happy Hours the first Friday of each month, and our General meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. Daysails and weekenders are being planned! Potential new members, come to our meetings! learn to sail! Enjoy our pot luck dinners and happy friends! Captains with boats are always welcome! Call Shannon for information: (239) 541-0104.

*"I'd Rather be Sailing"*

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