



ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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CALENDAR

NOV 2

TGIF at 5pm
Groove's Comedy Club
More info online

NOV 13

Board Meeting 7pm
Lee Hawk's House
Pool Area

NOV 15

Membership Meeting 7pm
Bonita Bill's

NOV 22

Thanksgiving Day
at Renate Kuhnle

Check the website and watch "Heads Up" for additional outings and more specific information.

Quote of the Day: "Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar; When I put out to sea.." Alfred Lord Tennyson

BIRTHDAY

NOV 28 | Kathy Maciel

Remember give a warm welcome to new member(s).

Kale Gorham
Chuck Darger
Cynthia Phillips
Bob Rollman

Who's Who

Commodore:	Lee Hawk
Vice Commodore:	Dan Bullard
Secretary:	Joy Hanson
Treasurer:	Janet Valentine
Directors:	George Cuic Melissa Butler
Membership:	Georgene Bruder
Cruise Committee:	Kathy Maciel
Telephone:	John Coriell
Newsletter Editor:	Sonia Raymond
Website Editor:	Shannon Sykes
Heads Up:	Ann Lieberman
Program Coordinator:	Phil McCorkle
Social Chairman:	Kathy White
Publicity Coordinator:	Jocelyn Erickson

Captains

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



Commodore's Corner [Lee Hawk]



What a great day for a picnic! The Sailing Singles converged on Sanibel Causeway Saturday, October 13 for a great day of fun, frolic, and renewal of old friendship. This kick-off event was in the capable hands of Dan Bullard (duty Chef) and his

grilling expertise. He marinated chicken breast in two different kinds of concoctions the night before and I think he cooked the brats in beer also. It was all tasty and cooked to perfection by Chef Dan. He may have a permanent job.

There were over 50 people at the picnic and not all were members, but we welcomed everyone. The "Sailing Singles" sign attracted some curious folks to query us about what and who we are as they stopped by and asked questions. One fellow, Kale Gorham, joined our club and has a boat docked over by Bonita Bills and definitely needs a crew to sail with him. He filled out an application and you will get to meet him at the first meeting in November or sooner perhaps, if we get some sails organized.

Harold Fleming and Ann Lieberman attempted to have a paddleball contest, but were unable to operate the equipment. However, Harold told me he did the paddleball 20 times. I think Cheri did it 9

times. Gayle Nathan was in charge of Frisbees, but the unrelenting wind would not cooperate and the disks flew into the road. So, we will save the Frisbees for next year and let Gayle fly them in less windy conditions. Judy Kearley, who was in charge of Styrofoam airplanes, didn't fair any better than Gayle because of the wind. You know what, we still had a good time. Judy took one of the planes home so she could practice.

Clarence Yahn and Kathy White sailed the "Bountiful" to the picnic from Clarence's home in Pine Island. They had a headwind all the way and it took about an hour longer than they figured.

Consequently, they did not get any chicken or brats, but did chow-down on all the great salads, beans, and dessert treats. I think they survived just fine.

Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to pass and it was all great! Thanks again.

All in all it was a great day even if the wind was a little snippy. I appreciate all the help with set-up and tear-down and Mary Burch for coming early and saving a spot for us. It was a great day and wonderful way to begin our sailing season.

***"So we beat on, boats against the current,
borne back ceaselessly into the past."***

F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby.

Welcome Back [Jocelyn Erickson]

Hello Sailing Singles and SnowBirds! I'm your Publicity person again this new sailing year, and "Sailing Singles" is going to have a full schedule of great sailing days and weekends!

Many of you have been away visiting family, friends and touring some interesting places, (maybe even sailing); let me welcome you back to our sunny "Paradise By The Gulf". Our breezes are whipping up, so get ready for an eventful season out on the briny! We will have potluck dinners! Halloween, Thanksgiving, and our "Christmas-dinner/Paddle Wheel" boat ride on the Caloosahatchee! (Be sure

your deposits have been sent to Kathy!)

Each year we watch the ball drop in downtown Fort Myers, with docks available for us to sail there and sleep over after "celebrating past our bedtimes". Then we will continue sailing right into New Year 2013!

I have been asked what I did this summer: (well) this summer was spent close to home, family and swimming. Won't brag, but we have some exciting underwater sites off our very own shores! And when returning, home is always "full of surprises!" Another season, another reason for loving Florida! Let's go sailing!

Crews Corner & Notes

SAILING: Impromptu day sails.....call Mary at if interested. Bright Star will be available this month to sail. Lets get some small groups and go. Weather promises to be great so bring swim suits from now on.

James Baker also likes to go out on the River. Give him a call.

MEMBERSHIP: October 1st starts the Sailing Singles membership renewal. Dues are \$36 and then you can be in the roster. Please ask the Membership chair for an application if you didn't receive one in the mail.

HEADS UP: Watch the Sailing Singles website or look for Head's Up for know what is happening.

SSC SHIRTS: Get them at Fred's Award World, Ft. Myers.

BOATING COURSE: Take an Online Boating Course
It's time to brush up on your boating and safety skills, and doing it on-line is easy and free.

www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse | www.BoatUs.com/games

NEW WEBSITE: www.Boatsafe.com | Has boat safety, boating courses, articles, ships store and boating quizzes. Take a look!

POWER SQUADRON: Try Power Squadron Courses to Increase Your Boating Knowledge

KNOW YOUR KNOTS: Go to these websites for a fun way to learn to tie knots with animated illustrations: www.animatedknots.com | www.Netknots.com

JOCELYN WANTS TO KNOW: If any of you see my articles in any of the newspapers, clip and save for me.

FYI ^{SIX} Principals to Remain Safe On Board

- 1 Knowledge** – take a safe boating course to learn how to avoid trouble.
- 2 Preparedness** – Captains carry all required Coast Guard safety equipment and Crew do what the Captain tells you.
- 3 Experience** – Follow the rules of the road and get out on the water and get as much experience as you can. Can't do it sitting watching TV.
- 4 Discretion** – Weather is a primary consideration in whether to head out or stay in. Check the weather using the many sources available.
- 5 Caution** - Captains -file a float plan and Crew tell a friend or relative that you are going out.
- 6 Judgement** – Be aware of your surroundings and the weather.

Historical Facts

2012 Sea Scouting turns 100. Sea Scouting was started in 1907 in Dorset, England. In 1912, Sea or Water Scouts was founded in the US in Massachusetts.

The first handbook was published in 1915. Today every Sea Scout learns basic boating and safety skills and the ability to swim 75 yards. Here are some of the nautical skills they must master.

See if you can pass muster.

1. Practice drills for man overboard, fire, and abandon ship.
2. Tie and explain the use of seven specific knots.
3. Calculate length of anchor rode needed in 10, 20, or 30 feet of water in normal and stormy conditions.
4. Define stand-on and give-way vessels for meeting, crossing, and overtaking-both power and sail.
5. On a paper chart, locate your position .
6. Make a three-stranded Turk's head and a monkey's fist to make up a heavying line.

Taken from Sail Magazine

Annual Picnic, A Huge Success [Joy Hansen]

Every year the famous Sailing Singles Club kicks off their fall season with a picnic on the Sanibel Causeway, and this year our picnic was one of the best!

The weather cooperated and there were approximately 40+ sailors in attendance. Each member contributed to



the event with a scrumptious covered dish to pass, and many of the more ambitious folks actually cooked (from scratch) exotic dishes such as hot potato salad & apple pie.

Dan Bullard, our resident chef, barbecued "braucks" & hamburgers on an open grill. Barbecued Chicken was also available.

One of the highlights of the day was watching Clarence Yahn & Kathy White arrive in Clarence's spectacular 32 foot Morgan "Bountiful". Clarence and Bountiful live in beautiful St James City. Bountiful left St James City at about 9 a.m. and arrived at the Sanibel Causeway around 1:30 p.m. Kathy is a master dinghy captain, and I was impressed with her boating skills. It "ain't easy propelling

a dinghy".

The tide however didn't cooperate and The Bountiful was high and dry at 5 p.m. when the crew decided to head back to St James City. This was a good thing however because we had a sojourn on Captiva Island at Tweenwaters Inn. This brought back fond memories of the times when we sailed into Captiva and anchored out.

At 9:30 p.m. Clarence and Kathy motored off into the darkness without a care in the world. Clarence is an expert Captain and has sailing experience in all kinds of weather – even in New Jersey storms.

Thanks to all who participated and we will see you Halloween a Nervous Nellies.

A Sailor's Dictionary: Sail trim tip - "When in doubt, let it out". An old adage that has proven the test of time. Don't over trim!

WANT AD SAILING LESSONS

Learn to sail or improve your sailing! Call Capt. Bob (239) 482-5878 50% discount to club members !

what did you do on your SUMMER VACATION?

Sonia Raymond: In May, I met my brother and his wife in Prague, Czech Republic. I enjoyed two great weeks visiting relatives and seeing the sights. In July, I flew to Colorado Springs to visit my daughter and family and spent a month in the mountains. I flew from there to Wisconsin for my 55th High School Reunion and reconnected with old friends. But it was good to get back to Florida.

Deena Kirkey went West and visited our great National Parks.

Mary Burch summered in Michigan and enjoyed visits from her children and friends.

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For the fun of it: If you are helping the Captain polish the chrome use apple cider vinegar to clean and baby oil to polish. That was fun???