



ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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Articles and pictures for newsletter are always appreciated
Next Deadline Jan 8.

CALENDAR

December 14

Day Sail
Go online to sign up

December 28-29

Overnight Sail
Go online to sign up

December 31

Watch Heads Up

January 1

Potential Day Sail
Watch Heads Up

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

Special Invite from Pete Knopf

I'd like to invite any members of the club to come sailing with me on Banderas Bay (Puerto Vallarta) on my Tartan 33 if they are visiting the area. I won't be back to PV until October and after that I'll be splitting my time between there and here in SW Florida. All anyone needs to do is email me when they'll be coming and we'll work out something from there.

TIP OF THE MONTH

How to ease the tension of a sheet or halyard on a winch. The tail of the line is taken off the cleat but the tension must still be kept on it. One hand should then be placed on the turn of the line around the winch barrel and the heel of the hand used to feed the line around the barrel, as the other hand eases the tension on the line. It is most important that the fingers are kept well out of the way.

Who's Who

Commodore: Dan Bullard
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Cruise Director: Joan Kachel

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CAPTAINS

Mary Burch	Nils Johnson	Roy Malkin
George Cuic	Deena Kirkey	Sonia Raymond
Allen Fiske	Kathy Maciel	Clarence Yahn



Commodore's Corner [Dan Bullard]



Ahoy Shipmates!!

The Holiday season is upon us and is in full swing along with several successful events. The weekend sail on the "Bountiful" activated the "salt in me blood", although there were times when I was quite the clumsy sailor and tested Captain Clarence's good nature and patience!! With the "Blownaway", "Bright Star" and "Gypsy" moored along side. We enjoyed the Sunset anchored off Picnic Island and an Italian Feast hosted by Captain Mary. Tortellini, and Baked Ziti, were a couple of delicious recipes we feasted on.

Beth and I welcomed fellow sailors into our home for the Club's Thanksgiving celebration. Quite a pleasant gathering, with all sharing the traditional dinner along with camaraderie and fond memories of holidays past. I am glad to say that a week later, the leftovers have finally disappeared!

I am looking forward to "Bright Star" winning another award in the Ft Myers Beach Boat Parade. A time honored tradition of the Sailing Club.

I am dusting off the Florsheims for the annual Holiday Dinner at Brattas Ristorante this year on the 13th. Plenty of fun and dancing are planned. An early Thank You to Kathy White for organizing the event and taking care of all arrangements.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone Peace, Joy and Happiness for the coming New Year. Happy Holidays, Happy Hannukah, and Merry Christmas.

"Arrrrrrr mateys", Dan the Commodore



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2014 Snowbird Rally down the ICW

By Sail Staff



Sail is pleased to announce it will be hosting the Snowbird Rally down the ICW in autumn of 2014. Wally Moran, *SAIL* contributing editor and longtime ICW expert, will be leading a rally of sailors from Hampton, Virginia to Miami, Florida.

We'll kick things off with a Halloween Party in Hampton, celebrate Thanksgiving together near St. Simons, and gather ashore for potlucks, special guest speakers and socializing along the way.

Rally participants will receive plenty of exciting perks, including daily routing and touring reports, special discounts on dockage, exclusive information from local sailors, and a sweet skippers' bag. Best of all, you'll be taking on this storied route in company, under the watchful eye of a *SAIL* expert.

WHAT: 2014 Snowbird Rally down the ICW

WHEN: October 31, 2014-
December 2014. Registration Opens,
March 2014.

COST: \$750 (includes pre-rally seminar and prep material, guide down the ICW, daily weather and routing reports and more!)

To reserve a spot, email Meredith Laitos at mlaitos@aimmedia.com

MORE INFORMATION:
www.sailmagazine.com/icw

Holiday Gift Guide

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Need a last minute gift for a sailor, here are 5 great gifts this year.

1 Merry Mocs [from \$90... sebago.com]
Snazzy boat shoes by Sebago. Their new Felucca Lace models for women are as comfortable as they are stylish.

2 Barz Optics [from \$60... barzoptics.com]
Barz Optic's Tofino Acetate Polarized sunglasses wrap snugly around your head and include side windows to provide maximum protection and visibility over an especially wide field of vision.

3 Sturdy Strummin [from \$575... alpacaguitar.com]
Not only is the Alpaca Guitar built of carbon fiber, flax and bio-derived resins, it's also tough enough to withstand grime, water and dings in even the harshest elements.

4 A Hint of Sea Salt [from \$7.50... harborsweets.com]
Satisfy your winter sweet tooth with a box of Harbor Sweets' new Salt & Ayre chocolate, enhanced with a variety of spices, such as Thai ginger, chai, Himalayan sea salt and a caramel.

5 Some Holiday Spirit [\$32... yachtclubvodka.com]
Toast Spirits LLC brings you holiday spirit. While rum is typically considered the sailor's drink of choice, Yacht Club Vodka is hoping to break this stronghold with its new handcrafted Vodka recipe.



Crews Corner & Notes

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

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: October 1, 2013 is the beginning of the Sailing Singles Club Year and your dues will be due at that time. Everyone needs to fill out an application and turn it in. You will not be added to the roster until that time.

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

APPS FOR SAILORS

IREGATTA When used with WiFi, iRegatta is an impressive app with excellent online support.

• **iRegatta, Let's Create, lets create.dk** | • **\$10/basic, +\$6/NMEA, +\$4/AIS**

USEFUL WEBSITES: Boating Course

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

Boat Safety

www.Boatsafe.com

Know Your Knots

www.animatedknots.com |
www.Netknots.com

Power Squadron Classes

www.usps.org/localusps/fortmyers/

Lee Waterways App

<http://discoverpearl.com/app/waterways/>

NOAA's Guide

nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

Benefits of Sailing [Jocelyn Erickson]

Twenty-four years ago a group of ardent sailing enthusiasts gathered at a meeting in a bank in Fort Myers. Their hearts' desire was to form a sailing club for single people to enjoy sailing and camaraderie, encourage others to join, and if not get acquainted with sailing, to help them learn by hands-on experience at the helm. This was to follow indoctrination, of course, of safety on board, proper attire (ie: no high heels or black soles to mar captains' boat decks), the names of parts and workings of parts on a boat, and need for common sense when sailing.

Power Squadron and Coast Guard courses have always been suggested, and many people through the years have enjoyed the impromptu "knot tying" practices, sail folding and even celestial navigation attempts by our members. We have had Red Cross classes including CPR, local television meteorologists visiting to advise of weather safety information when at sea.

Additionally we have enjoyed day sails, weekends, and longer sailing trips, with the BEST potluck dinners,

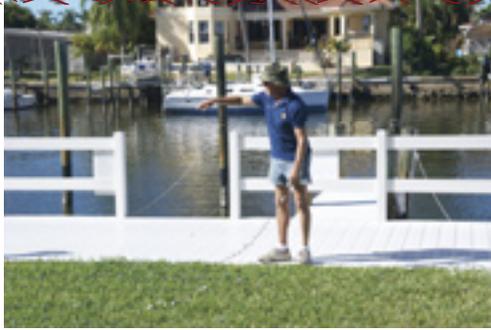


Thanksgiving turkey dinners, Christmas dinner-dances and decorated boat parades to wrap up each year. Then, New Year's Eve starts off another year of happy time together on the briny! The list of memories goes on! Sailing Singles has survived more than two decades in Lee County.

We still have some original members; we have lost some members who became dear to us through the years. We welcome new members and captains with boats for us to crew on!

Here is my "toast" to Captain Mary Burch and the original sailors who kicked-off the opportunity to put us on the H2O with good friends, and the healthy joy of sailing! Personally, salt is in my blood and anywhere I go there (has) to be a boat to sail, or to ride on! Or something is "missing!" My thanks to Sailing Singles of S.W. Florida for my 24 years with this multi-tasking sailing club. Let's keep the sails full, and our hearts happy on the beautiful Gulf Of Mexico! Sail on!

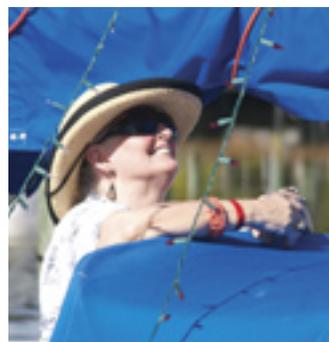
IT'S BOAT PARADE DAY



Decorating Bright Star

Fourteen members and one guest showed up at Mary Burch's house to decorate Bright Star. Bob Rollman coordinated the event while Bob Weisman was point man for how to arrange, check, and decorate the lights. Bob Miller, Bob Hammer along with Bonnie's guest Bob all helped with decorating. 5 of the 7 men were Bob. Bill and Phil were also present and their names rhyme. With so many present the job was done in quick time. By 2:30 pm we were finished and inside having a great meal. As usual there was more food than could be eaten. Eight members boarded Bright Star for the

event. Got to the starting point a half-hour early and of course a glitch occurred with a momentary sputtering of the generator just before the start. This was quickly rectified and we were ready to go as the parade began about 6:30. It finished around 8:30 and the Bright Star crew joined in the party at The Game with food and drinks. All boarded Mary's boat and by 10:15 we were home safe and sound at her house. As usual a big Thank you to Mary for her accommodating everyone, helping with all that had to be done and providing Bright Star to be in the Christmas parade.



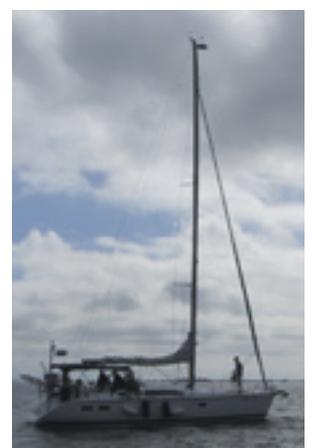
PICNIC ISLAND BONFIRE

I've been to Picnic Island many times, but it was always during the day. So I wasn't prepared for the special treat of the evening bonfire of the Clubs cruise to Picnic Island.

It was spectacular. We had dinner on the rafted boats and then we all dinghied to shore after dark. A hearty fire was lit on a crescent shaped sand bar sticking out into Pine Island Sound. Venus was low and bright on the horizon and it cast a reflected ribbon of light down the Sound to land on our little party.

Up and down the inter-coastal waterway the red and green navigation lights blinked like Christmas lights. The red and orange flickering fire opened a hole in the darkness. It silhouetted the Club members sitting and standing around its glow. We told stories and roasted marshmallows.

We were a little group in another world and it will always be a special memory for me. [Roger Wood]



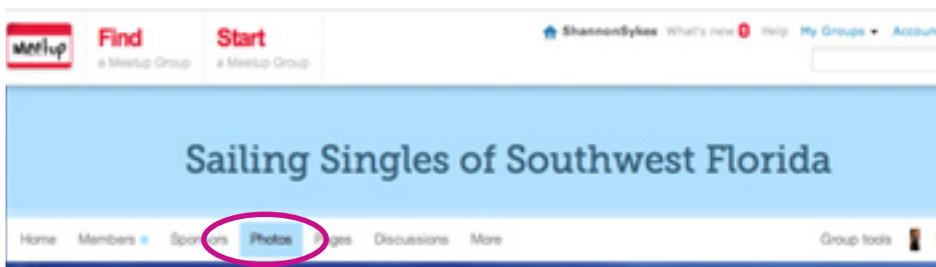
Post your pictures on Meetup.com for Sailing club members to enjoy!

Please post your pictures on Meetup.com for everyone in our club to see. In order to do this, you must join meetup (which is free) and join our group. Once you do that it is simple. Hopefully in 2014 we can migrate to our website with an easy way for you all to post pictures, but until then...look below for instructions.



WWW.MEETUP.COM

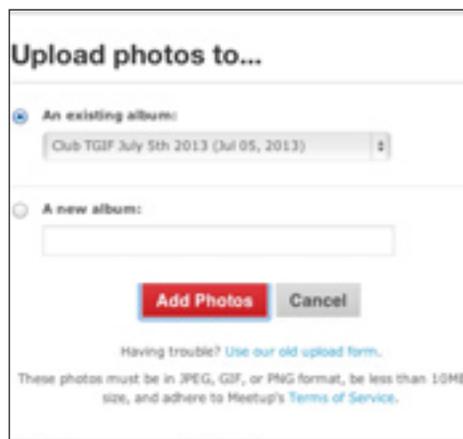
Once you join meet up, click the Photos tab at the top of the page:



Then Below that will be a link that says upload photos. You'll need to know where on your computer they are located because once you click upload photos, it asks which album or allows you to create a new album... Label them well. Please don't simply put the date, tell us where it is or whose boat and the date.



If you don't get the option to create a new album (may be reserved for leaders only) then let me know and I can create one or Dan can create one for you. I will try and create them for all upcoming sails, but in case I miss one!



At this point, navigate to your photos and add them to the album you create or that was already created. Follow the screen prompts. If you get frustrated, please let me know and I can upload them for you.

BOAT SAFETY

- 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.

Emergency Radio Call Procedures



1. Make sure radio is on
2. Select Channel 16
3. Press/Hold the Transmit button
4. Clearly Say: MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY
5. Also Give:
 - i. Vessel Name and/or description
 - ii. Position and/or location
 - iii. Nature of emergency
 - iv. Number of people on board
6. Release Transmit Button
7. Wait for 10 seconds – if no response repeat "MAYDAY" Call.

Have all on board put on life jackets.

