



ANCHORS UP

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YESTERDAY IS HISTORY. TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY. TODAY IS A GIFT. THAT IS WHY IT IS CALLED THE PRESENT. ALICE MORSE EARLE

Editors Note: Take sailing to Heart. You'll Love it!
Remember it's February!!!

Who's Who

Commodore:	Ann Lieberman
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Treasurer:	Judy Kearley
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Captains

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

CALENDAR

FEB 3

TGIF at 5pm
Bahama Breeze
INside front door to the left

FEB 4

Skills Class 10am
Contact Mary Burch for more information

FEB 5

Super Bowl Party 4pm
at Phill McCorkle's House

FEB 8

Board Meeting 7pm at
Boardwalk Caper.
Contact Mary for gate code.
Members welcome

FEB 15

Membership Meeting 7pm
Bonita Bills

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

BIRTHDAYS

FEB 1

Gayle Nathan
Beverly
Speakman

FEB 3

Melissa Butler

FEB 5

Mary Burch

FEB 8

Clarence Yahn

FEB 9

Phil
Buttenwieser

FEB 11

Cherie Rohn

FEB 16

Al Petito

FEB 18

Darlene Kittinger

FEB 27

Evelyn Hoop

For the Fun Of It: What is 1 millionth of a fish??? Go to the end of this Newsletter for the answer.



Commodore's Corner [Ann Lieberman]



Bob Weisman did an extraordinary job at our last membership meeting of demonstrating how to flake a sail. He had a mast and a boom set up along with a sail to show the proper way of flaking a sail. Harold showed off his sailing skills by lowering the sail and flaking it. We now know that Harold has been

paying attention when he goes out sailing with our captains.

Phil McCorkle will tell us, along with pictures, of his experiences sailing up the Pacific coast on a trawler from Seattle to Alaska last summer at our next membership meeting on the 16th. Phil is also hosting our Super Bowl party so come and cheer for the Patriots or Giants.

Also on the February 16th is the Miami International

Boat Show which runs through the 20th. As mentioned at our last membership meeting, if anyone is interested in carpooling over to Miami please contact me to make arrangements.

There were a few exciting day sails this past month and many members took part. They got to practice their skills while out on the water and Mary also had a skills training class which was attended by several members.

As past commodore, Jan Hladik will head up the nominating committee for the next board. The slate of officers will be presented at the March membership meeting and voting will take place at the April meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at this time. Anyone interested in being on the SSC board this coming year should contact Jan.

I hope to see you all participating in club activities. That is how you get to know one another.

Fair winds and smooth sailing to all.

Ann

News & Notes

■ America's Cup:

San Francisco is hosting the



"America's Cup" summer 2013.

- **An Ancient Viking** burial boat was found in Scotland. The man was laid to rest inside his boat 1,000 years ago with many items.
- **Coming soon**, Boat owners will not be able to use anti-fouling paint with copper for painting the bottom of recreational boats under 65 feet. Supposedly, the copper leaches into the water. Each state will determine when to outlaw it.
- **New Members:** Remember give a warm welcome to new member(s).
- **From Jocelyn:** If any of you see my articles in any of the newspapers, clip and save for me.
- **SSC Shirts:** Get any shirt embroidered with the

Sailing Singles Logo at Fred's Award World in Fort Myers or buy a shirt at Fred's.

This month's internet news you can use:

Take an Online Boating Course

Haven't tried it yet?

It's time to brush up on your boating and safety skills, and doing it online is easy and free.

www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse

www.BoatUs.com/games

A new website: www.Boatsafe.com

Has boat safety, boating courses, articles, ships store and boating quizzes. Take a look!

Go to these websites for a fun way to learn to tie knots with animated illustrations:

www.animatedknots.com

www.Netknots.com

Weather Lore:

When halo rings the moon or sun, rain's approaching on the run. The halo around the sun or moon is caused by ice crystals high in the sky that indicate an approaching warm front and usually predict rain within 24 hours, though this rhyme is more accurate in the summer than the winter.

Historical Facts:

It's not a map, it's called a nautical chart. (continued)
Depth is shown on charts in numbers along the bottom. Depth may be in feet, meters, or fathoms. A meter is 39 inches, a fathom is 6 feet. Check the scale used in the chart's title block. Other important

information on every chart is marine hazards, vertical clearances and landmarks.

Landmarks are identified with a dot and circle around it, which

could signify a tower. There might be bridges and power lines you need to be aware of. (Especially going up Pine Island Sound) Next month other useful information about charts will be discussed.



Crews News {Mary Burch}

Our first class dockside "Bright Star" went very well. Attendees learned about and practiced boat "Safety Skills" (such as boarding vessels safely and managing safe body skills while actually sailing in motion). Members also learned and practiced simple line attachments (to cleats, lifelines, pilings and then learning to coil a line properly and tossing it ashore to a dock person.....or tossing to a fellow sailor while rafting up with another vessel. We will practice these line skills on the upcoming trips!

An additional class covering more subjects will be held on **Feb 4th at 10 AM** at Boardwalk Caper dockside Bright Star. Sign up by calling Mary to reserve a spot.

ATTENTION ALL CREW MEMBERS, PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

We will be practicing radio skills on our boats in upcoming sails. It is very important that crew members are able to use the on board radio in case of emergency. Bring these instructions with you so you can visually refer to them while practicing both emergency and communication with a fellow vessel.

Cruise chairman.....Mary Burch

GET YOUR CLEAR AND DISTINCT RADIO VOICES IN TUNE !!

Using VHF Radio to call another boat:

Speak directly into the microphone in a normal tone of voice clearly and distinctly:



1. Make sure the radio is on
2. Select channel 16 and listen for a break in other conversations
3. Press microphone button and call the name of the boat you wish to contact three times—THIS IS and your name and identification
4. Wait for a return – if they do not answer try again in two minutes—if still no answer wait three minutes – then say THIS IS---,STANDING BY CHANNEL 16
5. If they do return your call switch to a working channel (like 68) and have a conversation – SWITCH and ANSWER
6. After the conversation each ship must give a sign and switch back to channel 16.



SAILS: Now we're sailing and the wind is very light. We'll want our sails full and with the draft well back. How do we accomplish this ? We'll we use our sail controls. Always adjust the forwardmost sail first and work aft. The reason for this is the forward most sail is not affected by the other sails, so as each sail is adjusted, the conditions don't change each time another sail is touched. The forestay sail may be made fuller by easing it's halyard a bit and moving the traveler car a notch or two forward. This will move

the draft aft and increase the amount of draft at the bottom (the largest part) of the sail. On the mainsail, we can ease the halyard, ease the outhaul, and if there is one, ease the backstay adjuster. This will also increase the draft and move it aft. As the wind pipes up, each of these controls may be tightened as per the conditions to the desired power and efficiency. When trimming the mainsail, use the traveler to reduce the twist in the sail and also (at the same time) the weather helm.

Want ad: **SAILING lessons! 50% discount to club members. Call Capt. Bob at 482-5878**

Quote of the Day | Going to sea doesn't necessarily make you a sailor.

TowBoatUS Cape Coral earns "Tower of the year" award. An on-the-water towboat company that helps Southwest Florida boaters get home safely was singled out for its professionalism at the BoatUs Towing Services Annual conference recently in Tampa, Fl. Tower of the year honors went to TowBoat US Cape Coral, which is owned and operated by Capt. Richard Paul and Capt. Jay McMillin. (Having been towed a couple of times, they do a great job!) Sonia



SEA TOW Services International Inc., honored Capt. Andrew Haupt during its Annual Meeting in Fort Myers in November. Haupt received two awards for "Efforts Above and Beyond" Sea Tow serves over 160,000 ,members in the US, Europe, Australia, and the Carribean. Both companies do a great service!!

