

# ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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**Tis the season  
once again...  
and getting ready  
is half the fun!!  
Merry Christmas**

## Who's Who

Commodore:	Lee Hawk
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## Captains

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



## CALENDAR

### DEC 7

TGIF at 5pm  
Bahama Breeze  
More info online

### DEC 14

Holiday Party 7pm  
Aboard the Capt JP

### DEC 25

Christmas Dinner at

### DEC 31

New Year's Eve  
Downtown Fort Myers

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

## BIRTHDAY

DEC 6 | Tom Edelman

DEC 17 | Ann Lieberman

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

Jan Wallace  
Bonnie Knoll

## Quote of the Day:

*"Sailors,  
with their built-in  
sense of order,  
service, and  
discipline,  
should really  
be running  
the world"*

Nicholas Monsarrat

## Commodore's Corner [Lee Hawk]



***I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them. They should have named them awfuls. -Hugo Vihlen***

November 9th marked the first club sail to Pelican Bay in great weather. Departing FMB by 10 a.m. we rounded Pelican Bay by mid-afternoon. Captain Clarence Yahn on Bountiful and crew of Kathy White and Lee Hawk made

a slow approach to the bay where the depth was variable, at best. However, there was no running aground. The "Gypsy" with Captain Kathy Maciel and First Mate Bob Miller rafted-off towards the middle of the bay. A short while later "Bright Star" with Captain Mary Burch and crew members Joan Kachel and Phil McCorkle made their way into the bay and tied-up to the starboard side of "Bountiful." After all was secure, we celebrated our safe sail with a little "liquid libation" consisting of some, but not all, adult beverages. As dusk approached, Mary and Joan cooked a great spaghetti dinner topped-off with Key Lime pie and big smiles.

The next day, after a light breakfast, we headed to the beach for some sightseeing. The island has trails that go from one end to the other and side trails that extended to various beaches. It was easy hiking, except we got lost and a jogger had to tell us how to get back to the landing. But, how lost can you get on an island?

The foliage was beautiful, as was the poison ivy, and many of the cacti were in bloom with beautiful red flowers. Kathy White managed to step in a big bunch of sand spurs and we had to perform emergency surgery on the beach to remove them. Fortunately, Bob Miller had his handyman "all in one" tool to remove the stickers. We decided to forgo amputation because we would have to carry her back to the boat. The blood letting was minimal.

*"There's no thrill in easy sailing when the skies are clear and blue, there's no joy in merely doing things which any one can do. But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet to take, when you reach a destination that you never thought you'd make" unknown*

All of the dinghies were running well, for the most part, and the travel from boat to shore was without incident. However, Clarence got "busted" for speeding. A sailboat pulled in close to us during the day and we were unable to read the name, even though it was close and the lettering was large. The name was "Phoxy." So, we decided that it must be pronounced ffffsssoxy. However, we never asked the owner.

After a day of island hiking and safe return to the boats, we enjoyed a dinner of fried chicken, cole slaw and pie. Life is good. We fired up the music and the boats were rockin as our rendition of

## 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.**

**NOAA's Guides Go Digital:** Effective August 21, 2012, NOAA has begun publishing its entire US Coast Pilot series online, where books are available as free downloadable PDFs. The nine volumes provide navigational information for the majority of the country's waterways, including anchorages, currents, tides, weather and small craft facilities.

[www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov)

*The Commodore continued...* "King of the Road" by Roger Miller made anyone smile or hang their head. It was fun and loud.

The next day we got an early start toward FMB and Pine Island. Bob and Kathy stayed an extra day to enjoy the island and beaches.

**ON NOVEMBER 13TH** we had our first board meeting of the year at Lee Hawk's home in Whiskey Creek. We covered a plethora of topics and got some outstanding issues to closure. The board is active and concerned with the club moving forward and affording sailing opportunities for all members desiring to get on the water. Even though a social aspect is necessary for camaradery of members, it is not the focus of the organization. The board wants to promote safe sailing and a platform for learning and skills development. Sailing sign-up sheets will be available at the regular membership meeting for daysails and more overnights. The regular membership meeting on Thursday,

November 15th at Bonita Bill's, covered several topics including a Dry Tortuga's presentation by Phil McCorkle; decorating Mary's boat for Christmas; the Christmas dinner/dance; and party ideas for New Years. We also signed two new members. A successful meeting!

The meeting did end on a sorta sad and happy note simultaneously, if that's possible. Kathy Maciel, our cruise director, announced she would be leaving the club and setting sail for parts unknown. She has rented her house, taken care of most pertinent details, with the exception of her business, and is preparing to head south. She is going to island hop through the Caribbean and is on no time schedule. As she said at the meeting, "the sailing bug has bit me hard" and she now has a window of opportunity to fulfill this travel dream. She promised to keep us informed of her adventures as computer access to the internet will allow. We will miss you Kathy!

Be sure you patronize Bonita Bill's when the opportunity avails you as they let us use their meeting room at no charge. *Happy 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.

**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 online is easy and free.

[www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse](http://www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse) |

[www.BoatUs.com/games](http://www.BoatUs.com/games)

**NEW WEBSITE:** [www.Boatsafe.com](http://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](http://www.animatedknots.com) | [www.Netknots.com](http://www.Netknots.com)

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

# HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Halloween night at Nervous Nellies was a totally "scary" experience, even for seasoned sailors. Approximately 20 members put on their best costumes and headed to the beach for a huge party. The food and drink was excellent and everyone had a great time. Werewolf Clarence sailed over from Pine Island and tied-up "Bountiful" at the end of the dock. Fortunately for all of us, Clarence did not bite anyone and sailed safely home the next day. This group has Waaay too much fun.



# Jocelyn's and Ann's Big Adventure

[Jocelyn Erickson & Ann Lieberman]

Several years ago I invited Ann Lieberman to join me, sailing on a private sailboat owned by a longtime friend from British Columbia. For many years, I had flown from Miami to St. Thomas or Kingston, Jamaica to catch up with him in the Caribbean. There are many beautiful islands from Aruba and Trinidad to the Bahamas, and this sailor has stepped onto most of them. Ann had so much fun with freedom to stay as long as we wanted to, change course to other islands if desired, and she was "hooked" on exploring faraway places as I was.

So, after three years we now have souvenirs and memories of London, Faroe and Shetland Islands, Bergen, Norway, Akeureyri, and Reykjavik Iceland, Nova Scotia; then, Copenhagen, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm and Malmo Sweden.

We have just returned from Europe. (and our first steps on Oriental soil at Turkey); I will tell you about our first four tours and Ann will continue with the last four before we docked at Civitavecchia, near Rome.

**Venice, Italy:** We flew from RSW to Venice where (just for us, I'm sure), rain was subsiding. From then on our October weather was abnormally sunny and pleasant until we headed up the Italian coast, but it was never uncomfortable.

Our gorgeous "Crown Princess" stayed overnight at Venice, then cruised away; everyone snapped pictures of the famous skyline, St. Mark's Square, canal bridges, (especially) "Bridge of Sighs". The UNESCO World Heritage sites and Murano Island with the Glass showroom. Our night was alive with excitement, as we had our pictures taken "pouring the Champagne Waterfall" in the Piazza. Entertainment and endless food – a dream come true! (No weight gained – we hiked endlessly!)

**Dubrovnik, Croatia:** on the bright blue Adriatic Sea! Truly stunning with (limestone) Mt. Sergio, brilliant white marble city walls! Once a competitor of Venice and prosperous commercial power in the world. Dubrovnik means "well wooded" and it is, with hardwood forests!



Surviving attacks by barbarians, fires destroying the towns, and bubonic plague through the centuries, the high rocky scenery is breath-taking and the residents very pleasant. Want an "active" vacation? Don't miss Cavtat: tennis, fitness, diving, water sports, walking & horse riding trails!

**Corfu, Greece:** On Ionian Sea: Olive oil is a principal export thanks to thriving olive trees. Influences are British, French and Venetian. Rich with history, plagued by pirates, Turkish attacks, Corfu is lovely with flowers, Italian style statues. Homer's "Odyssey" and Shakespeare's "Tempest" present it as a paradise. (Birthplace of Prince Philip).

**Katakolon, Greece:** Famous for Olympian games! Ann and I walked the very grounds of the centuries old stadium where the ancient Greeks competed for medals! This is an UNESCO-designated Olympia Archaeological site. We walked among the ruins of the 5th century B.C. temple of Zeus, and admired the museum's displays of artifacts. Greek cuisine and ouzo were offered. A quaint fishing village, with sloping terrain studded with vineyards.

**Piraeus, Athens, Greece:** This capital city on the Aegean Sea, has the ancient Acropolis situated high for everyone to see! Well protected on all sides, it is far from isolated! Early in history, Athens had strong maritime commerce and wealth from overseas trading. The Greeks shared a special relationship with Poseidon, god of the sea, and Athena, goddess of wisdom. The owl and olive tree frequented Athenian coins, signifying peace and harmony. This "Cradle of Western civilization's" treasured sites (Acropolis - site of the marble-columned Parthenon, The Temple of Nike - the symbol on Olympic shoes!, Erectheion, with human figures as columns, and, of course, the Old Olympic stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896.

Sailing for 22 years with SSC has grown into a love of the sea, and it is not unusual to take a boatripe in a foreign country when available.

*I hope you have enjoyed this description of only 1/2 of this wonderful trip. Mykonos is our next port, and Ann will take you to the end of our journey! Happy sailing and touring to you all!*

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**Mykonos, Greece:** Due to its position on major sea trade routes and the abundance of wind, windmills sprang up in order to refine grain and compact it for transport. The windmills are no longer in service but some are still standing. Its tight, winding maze of streets was designed to confuse invaders, but it also does well to break the effects of the strong winds coming in from the Aegean Sea. Of course, we had to wade in the sea and I collected a few pebbles to add to my collection. The houses on the island are all made of brick, stucco, and then whitewashed and sport flat roofs. The water around the Greek Isles is sapphire blue in color and crystal clear.

**Kusadasi & Ephesus, Turkey:** Many of the earliest Greek philosophers and thinkers lived here along the Ionian coast. After leaving the coast and traveling north through the Solmissos Mountains we came to the house of Mary, the final resting place of the Virgin Mary. Then heading back toward the coast we explored the ruins of Ephesus, the Roman provincial capital. Both Mary, mother of Jesus, and John, the Evangelist, were said to have lived here during their final years. St. Paul preached here and later wrote the letter to the Ephesians and St. John likely wrote his gospel at this location.

**Santorini, Greece:** The cliffs surrounding Fira, the capital of the island, are of special interest since they show volcanic debris laid down after each eruption of the volcano upon which the island is built. There are different colored layers of lava, slag, ash and pumice stone, providing a gentle reminder that earthquakes and volcanic activity continue to be a reality here. The last eruption was in 1948 and the last earthquake in 1956. Fira is a town of whitewashed houses clinging to the

steep cliffs and is only accessible by foot. Its narrow cobblestone lanes lead uphill past shops, homes, and cafes to a cable car. You may also choose to come down to the shore below by walking the steep, zigzag path or take a donkey. On the eastern shore there are sweeping beaches of black sand from previous volcanic activity. All of the island's water must be imported as there is no water on the island and there is also no hospital.

While on the boat between SW Italy and Sicily we saw an active volcano.

**Naples, Italy:** Pompeii, an ancient Roman city near Rome, was destroyed and buried by a volcanic eruption in 79 A.D. This catastrophe killed 2,000 people but it also preserved a look at their way of life. An entire society was frozen at one instant in time so now their lives and customs of 2,000 years ago can

be studied. There are many beautiful towns south of Naples along the coast. We had the privilege of visiting Sorrento and having an authentic Italian meal in one of its many restaurants. We then boarded a boat to take us along the Amalfi Coast, said to be one of the most scenic areas of the world with its majestic rock formations and lush grottos.

**Rome, Italy:** After logging 2,732 miles (2,375 nautical miles) on the Crown Princess we disembarked at Civitavecchia and traveled 55 miles south to Rome. Here we did some sightseeing on our own and spent the night in a 130 year hotel. After a restless night of wondering if we would get home the next day we were fortunate to board our plane to Philadelphia and then home. Our concern was that Hurricane Sandy was coming up the Eastern coast of the U.S. and the airlines were beginning to cancel flights. We arrived safely home Sunday evening just after 9. Luckily we were able to say *arrivederci* Roma.



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