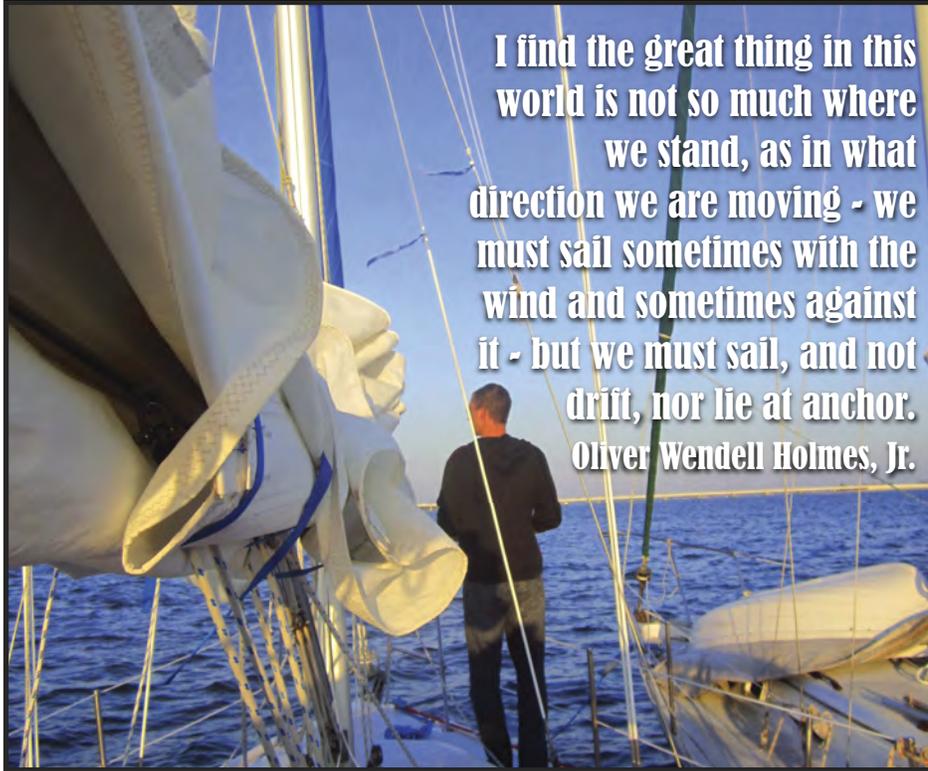




ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving - we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Who's Who

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Bill Bradford	Tom Edleman	Kathy Maciel
Mary Burch	Allen Fiske	Sonia Raymond
George Cuic	Deena Kirkey	Clarence Yahn



CALENDAR

FEB 1

5pm TGIF - Cactus Jack's

FEB 3

Superbowl Party - Phil's House

FEB 5

7pm Board Meeting-
Lee Hawk's Place

FEB 17

7pm Membership Meeting
FMB Moose Lodge #964
See heads Up for Details

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

BIRTHDAYS

FEB 1 | Gayle Nathan
FEB 1 | Beverly Speakman
FEB 3 | Melissa Butler
FEB 5 | Mary Burch
FEB 8 | Clarence Yahn
FEB 11 | Cherie Rohn
FEB 27 | Evelyn Hoop

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

Quote of the Day:

"Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk." - Sir Francis Chichester

Commodore's Corner [Lee Hawk]



The affect of Sailing is produced by a judicious arrangement of the Sails to the direction of the wind. William Falconer

The prime sailing months are upon us and we are taking advantage of the great weather. The day sails and overnight excursions are gearing-up and the captains have the boats ready to go. Since our Cruise Director departed on a long voyage, the scheduling of sails has been a little erratic, but we are working on a solution. Hopefully, we can smooth out the process and make it workable for everyone. Sometimes, when we lose a vital cog in the mechanizing, it takes some fine tuning to get it running smoothly again. Shannon Sykes, our web person, is working on an on-line solution. In the meantime we will rely on Bob and Joanie for organization. Phil McCorkle has opened his home to club members and guests for the Suprebowl party. Since Dan, the head Chef is going to be on his Honeymoon, I am going to attempt to try to measure-up to his culinary skills. Don't know if I'm up to the task or not, but there will be a lot of supervision. The board meeting is February 5th and hopefully we can bring some clarity to our sails and make the experience enjoyable for everyone. Our meeting at the Beach Moose was a good change in venue, and hopefully we can continue to meet there as is it a very quiet and comfortable atmosphere.

Ye Olde Days of Sailing Ships [Jocelyn Erickson] Adult Rated

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls with the necessary supply kept near the cannon.

The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' **(All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't 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.

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

Crews Corner & Notes

SAILING: Day Sail Feb 9; Weekend Sail Feb 23-24.

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 at (H) or (Mobile).

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.

DID YOU KNOW???? The United States Coast Guard has rescued well over 1 million people since it was established as the Revenue Cutter Service in 1790.

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 | www.BoatUs.com/games

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

LEE WATERWAYS APP: Lee County boaters now have their own App for smart phones. This free App has a variety of information. There are maps and satellite maps

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of waterways throughout Lee and Collier Counties. A fish finder and identify the fish you catch and the regulations. A reef map gives boaters GPS coordinates for local reefs. A ship-wreck map does the same for underwater shipwrecks. The maps show where idle and slow speed zones are. There's info on drawbridges and passes. You can download it on your phone and know the information is up-to-date. Search: Lee Waterways App.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: An interesting website called: Tales From the Scuttlebutt. Some truly interesting nautical yarns which people have spun!! There are cartoons and other interesting sites there. In search, type "Tales From the Scuttlebutt" to get on the website.

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.



Canvassing for Good Sailors [Jocelyn Erickson]

"Hope springs eternal" - 'tis said!
"Spring has sprung" - Our boats are on the H20 - and we have some wonderful new members in Sailing Singles!

Welcome to you all! I walked through the Cape Coral Farmers' Market recently and stopped at the Cape Power Squadron table to say hello. Three officers were available and we chatted about our mutual love of the sea and our being blessed with good weather for sailing most of each year. Before I even had a chance to start bragging about SSC, not just one, but all three gentlemen stated that they are single, and want to sail with us!

I doled out pamphlets and SSC cards, so if the apps they requested are completed, we will have some impressive new nautical members joining us when we sail! I also asked that they give our cards to single people when they graduate from their courses. They were pleased that my newspaper article suggest Coast Guard and/ or Power Squadron courses to be taken, and that new members gain experience at the helm with a seasoned crew and captains right there with them.

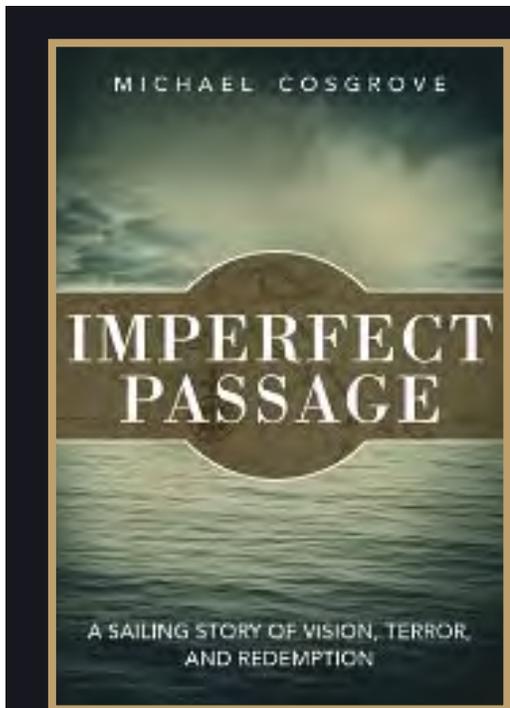
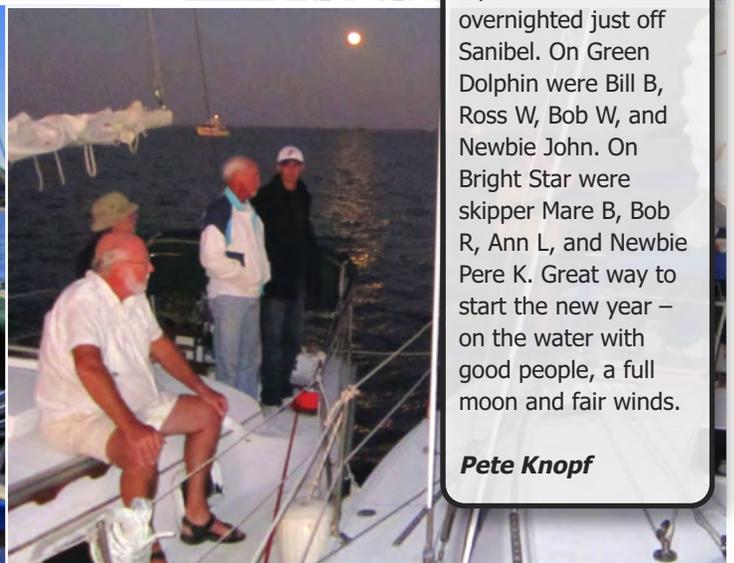
We are into our 23rd year now in Lee County, and we members of SSC are grateful to our captains who make it possible for us to enjoy the sailing lifestyle we love, while enjoying the membership camaraderie which makes this a well-rounded, successful sailing club!

Sail on, ye happy people!



On the weekend of January 26-27, eleven members took advantage of blue skies, warm temps and good, steady winds. One boat, Clarence's Bountiful, sailed south and overnighted in Naples with Clarence, Kathy and Roger. Two other boats, Green Dolphin and Bright Star, daysailed the Fort Myers beach area and overnighted just off Sanibel. On Green Dolphin were Bill B, Ross W, Bob W, and Newbie John. On Bright Star were skipper Mare B, Bob R, Ann L, and Newbie Pere K. Great way to start the new year – on the water with good people, a full moon and fair winds.

Pete Knopf



READER'S CORNER

IMPERFECT PASSAGE | Michael Cosgrove had a romantic vision of sailing around the world and earning salty tales to share with his grandchildren, but at 60, when he left his perfect life, he quickly realized that things weren't going to be as easy as he'd imagined. Read it to find out what he encounters along the way...

Michael Cosgrove will be donating a portion of his profits to the Navy Special Warfare Family Foundation.

"Turning sixty isn't the end; it's just the beginning. Michael Cosgrove had a beautiful family, a successful career, and a lovely Southern California home overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At the age sixty, he decided to leave that all behind to sail around the world. Imperfect Passage is the story of one man's perseverance against Father Time and Mother Nature, proving that with enough will, one can, in his or her own way, conquer the unconquerable."

I Been Sailing' [John Coriell]

A couple of weeks ago I signed up and a few of us went out on Sonia's 26' sailboat. It was a ways out to the Gulf from Sonia's home, where her boat is docked. I saw so many houses and boats in the canal; it was great fun just looking, not to mention the ride on her boat. And there was more fun to come. Of course looking causes the craft to get a bit off course (and I was at the helm).

Phil, in his true teacher style, kept asking us questions from time to time, and throwing out very interesting factoids. Phil had previously held a couple of sailing classes in Sonia's living room and on her boat. This kind of felt like a continuation of the class. It was very good and interesting because, even if one does have some sailing experience, you never know when Phil will say something you did not know and you are learning. I think we could all agree, sailing is a continual learning and experiencing process...you never know it all.

There was a fair amount of wind that day but we did not realize just how much until we got out into open water. Then the blowing really began. We threw up the sails and had our hands full. As Phil reflected later, we should have reefed the sail "before" putting it up. As it was, we had to reef it in rather stiff winds, hanging on at the same time.

We had a fine time, learned a lot and were so glad we had Sonia with us as she told us which canals to turn in...left here, right there, to get back to her place. It was a maze.

A couple of days later, after signing up at one of the TGIFs, I was privileged to go out on Mary's boat, a 32 foot Catalina, for a Saturday day sail. Again, as always, we had a great group of sailors on board. We started out with good wind, got the sails up and off we went.

A bit later in the day the wind was missing in action, or no action at all. It sure was calm. Time to eat,

which we did well. Several of the people brought enough to share.

We had a new potential member of the club on board named Pete from Naples. As it sometimes happens to all of us, a plastic bottle of his accidentally went over board. We did some man over board maneuvers and came so close to getting it several times. Mary did not have a net on board, so finally our gallant, almost new member Pete jumps into the very calm water and retrieves the bottle. He said the water was refreshing as it was pretty warm that day. It was an adventure.

More adventure followed. There was very little wind so we started the engine and off we went. It was like we were on an adventure and moving towards a destination with determination and a bit of speed. And we were, as Mary tells us, trying get to the north end of Ft. Myers Beach to see the Tall Ship 'Lynx' that has been moored near Nervous Nelly's restaurant recently. Mary knew when it went out and wanted to catch a glimpse of it. We got a lot more than a mere glimpse, as when we caught up with it, it was just sitting in a stationary position. They took some of the sails down and we got to watch. It was worth all of the motoring we did. All in all another great sailing day.

Try those day sails, you'll like them and you will learn a lot.

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