



# ANCHORS UP

SAILING SINGLES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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## Happy New Year

### 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

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



## CALENDAR

**JAN 12-13**

Day Sails

**JAN 17**

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

**JAN 26-27**

Overnight Sail  
contact Bob Rollman  
if you're interested

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

## BIRTHDAYS

**JAN 4** | Martha Robinson  
**JAN 7** | Jocelyn Erickson  
**JAN 18** | Jean Adkins  
**JAN 24** | Ruth Morgan  
**JAN 30** | Dan Bullard

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

### Quote of the Day:

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

William A. Ward

## Commodore's Corner [Lee Hawk]



*The sea finds out everything you did wrong.*  
-Francis Stokes

The New Year brings a little breather to the club officers after a hectic and busy December. We will be concentrating on Day Sails and Overnight Sails as we move into prime sailing months. A special thanks to Joan Machen for hosting the Christmas Day party.

There were over 20 members and guests gathered at Joan's and the food and activities were great. I'm bummed about missing yet another great gathering of friends, but I think I am on the mend. Thanks again, Joan.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** bought members to dock H of the Downtown Fort Myers Marina for another fun gathering. Club boats that participated were: Bright Star with Captain Mary Burch; Bountiful with Captain Clarence Yahn; Hare Maru with Captain George Cuic; Green Dolphin with Captain Bill Bradford, and Gypsy with Captain Kathy Maciel. Club members wandered between the dock and downtown and participated in the New Year's activities. The bands were loud and the streets were crowded. We had more food than anyone could eat (isn't that always the case) and the adult beverages needed more ice. The evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display and we officially ushered in 2013.

New Year's Day saw the departure of Kathy Maciel and Bob Miller on Gypsy as they head to the Bahamas. George Cuic sailed with them to the locks, where they spent the evening and had dinner, before the adventure got underway. We will keep you informed of Kathy and Bob's activities as they send us updates. Their plan is to sail to all the islands in the Caribbean and other ports of call until they are done. However, they did not define "done." Ann Lieberman will post the information on Headsup.

We anticipate a great winter of sailing and are looking forward to more fun activities.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY SURPRISE** | December 14th was a great day for a Christmas Party, and that's exactly what we did. Our Social Director, Kathy White, made arrangements with JC Cruises for a dinner/dance on board their sternwheeler that shoved-off from the Fort Myers Downtown Dock at 7:30 P.M. and headed towards the Cape Coral Bridge. Prior to boarding, Shannon Sykes and Kathy prepared gift bags for everyone that included a special Christmas Ornament with the Sailing Singles Logo. I got a Seahorse and lots of chocolate.

Once underway, dinner was served and no one went away hungry. The food was well prepared and the service was good. Of course, there were a few adult beverages before, during, and after dinner

## 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...*

and dancing. However, the highlight of the evening was yet to come. Our Vice Commodore, Dan Bullard and his guest (girlfriend) Beth Rice, made their way to the top deck where Dan got down on one knee and proposed marriage to Beth. "Yes," she accepted. He took her hand, looked her in the eye, and popped the question. It was a fun and happy time and we wish them well. A date has

not been set for their wedding, but in the near future. Congratulations, Dan and Beth. And yes, Dan will remain our Vice Commodore, as per the bylaws, and continue to be the "Leading Chef" at the yearly picnic.

Again, a special "Thanks" to Kathy White and Shannon Sykes for all their work to make the party a success. And Dan, thanks for the lovely surprise. We are all so happy for you and Beth. By Lee Hawk

*2012 marked the 200th anniversary of the start of the War of 1812, and some of the most dramatic naval battles in our country's history. Visit: [www.visit1812.com](http://www.visit1812.com)*

## 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 at

**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.

**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](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!

**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 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:** The Story behind, *Chapman Piloting and Seamanship Book*. Elbert "Mack" Maloney met Charles Chapman in 1959 at a Power Squadron meeting. Maloney's attention to detail served him well in his technical writing. He accepted the job with Chapman and eventually took over the writing of the book, which is updated every three years. Maloney at 93 is still serving as the consulting editor on the forthcoming 67th edition. Maloney lives in Pompano Beach, Fl and sails down to the Keys when he can. (from Boat U.S. Magazine)

**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.

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## Thanksgiving Dinner

NOV 22

Thanksgiving at Renate's home was a delightful surprise with about 20+ SSC members attended the Thanksgiving feast. There was turkey with all the trimmings plus all the goodies the members brought. Renates home was beautifully decorated with her arts and crafts talent. So a big Thank You for hosting this years Thanksgiving Dinner!



## Christmas Party

DEC 14

The weather was calm and nicely cool for our cruise on the River. About 30+ members in their Christmas duds attended. Around 7:15 the JP left the dock to cruise the River. Christmas lights twinkled from docks and homes on the banks of the River and the buffet was set up and delicious smells of chicken and roast beef filled the air. We each received an ornament and candy from the Club. After eating they cleared the floor for dancing where Clarence was full of energy. Who was that sweet young thing you were dancing with Clarence? Mary B. wore the wrong shoes and took a tumble or was that part of the dance? All in all it was a fun evening as the JP docked about 10:30. SR



## Joy's Open House

DEC 16

It was standing room only at Joys open house. Lots of food was enjoyed by all. There were some Sailing Singles members and many of Joy's other friends at the party. Thanks Joy for opening up your home to have a fun gathering.



## Christmas Dinner

DEC 25

Joan Machen hosted Christmas dinner for the sailing club at her lovely home with 20 plus members and their guests in attendance. Joan prepared a scrumptious feast featuring beef tenderloin and champagne potatoes with side dishes and appetizers. Members and guests contributed tasty side dishes, appetizers and desserts as well. George Cuic and Bill Bradford volunteered their time manning the entrance gates. After dinner 10 members exchanged gifts followed by a presentation by Lois Polaski-Mule who recalled fond memories of past sailing experiences. For their years of service to the sailing club, Lois presented Mary Burch and Deena Kirkey sailing prints taken by Andre Mule. Submitted: Gayle Nathan



# The End and the Beginning [Ann Lieberman]

The last day of the year found the Bright Star, Hare Maru, Gypsy, and Bountiful motor sailing up the Caloosahatchee to the Fort Myers Yacht Basin where they docked by Green Dolphin. Once there, the socializing began.

Later dinner consisted of beef, pork, and chicken warmed up on the barbecue grill plus egg nog, various side dishes, and topped off with pecan pie. For this we congregated behind the Ship's Store at picnic tables by the river.

Some other members joined us throughout the evening. One of our more affluent members took up residence in the penthouse at the boutique Indigo Hotel. All in all, about 20 members enjoyed the evening with us.

We meandered downtown to enjoy the bands and do some dancing. Once back to dock H we enjoyed the rest of the evening sitting on the dock sipping our sooo good liquid refreshments.

The ending of the year found us counting down to the beginning of 2013 as we watched the ball drop while toasting the new year with champagne. The finally was the wonderful display of fireworks.

After only a few hours of sleep the sounds of the club's bugler, better known as Clarence, were heard loud and clear all over the marina. New year, new food which is what we experienced on Bright Star. Joan Machen treated us to Scottish eggs which consist of hard boiled eggs surrounded by sausage.

After we said our goodbyes to Kathy Maciel and Bob Miller, who are beginning their cruise to the Bahamas and places yet to be determined, we headed down the river to home port.



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