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Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Lee Nell, 2017 Commodore

Lots of good news this time. For one thing, one of our long-time members, Sea Scout Leader Tony Angel has sailed through his surgery, is home, and has charted his course to full recovery. It's good to know he won't be getting any "Duh" flags about this. And two other members who have had some medical issues seem to be doing well, too, so we're all thankful for that. For another thing, we have a great team of officers who have hit the ground running and worked really well together, and that is something about which we all can be very happy.

This year is starting off well. Our new sail shade is in place, and it looks great. It proved tough enough to survive the recent couple of days of high winds totally unscathed, and it's self-cleaning. Over club weekend, we took down the walls of the tool shed and moved the tools into our new sheds. Just removing that lattice improved the appearance of the north side of the building immensely, and we just got the plans for re-building the walls of the workshop, after which we can proceed with getting the permit and painting the entire building as well as the new sheds to match the marina building. Finally, we are moving ahead with plans for the patio deck and roof on the channel side. It may be optimistic, but we hope to get that done this year, too.



Larry Fiorenza has his hard hat/ personal beacon ready for the storm.

And then, we really got a lot done during work day. We had a bigger crowd for work day than at any time in the history of ... oh wait. Well, it was a good turnout, and we did get a lot done. The Capri tie-downs, the hoist guy-line post, landscaping clean-up, stowing of the Christmas decorations, general clean-up. And more. I'm tired just thinking about it. If we keep up this pace, we're going to accomplish a lot of good things this year. See Matt's photos on pages 12-13.

For those of you who missed our Flag Officers' pot luck dinner, we had a great time. The food was great and plentiful, and we had a fun night playing "Sail of Fortune," hosted by our own Pat Sajak and Vanna White (Michael & Chris Oertle). You really had to be there for that one, but if you were not, you'll just have to take my word for it when I say that no one will think of Michael as being a "quiet guy" any longer. We still need "hosts" for some upcoming pot-lucks, so put on your thinking caps, come up with an idea, and give Carroll Risk a call to claim your weekend.

During the week prior to club weekend, BCYC showed up in force for

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February Birthdays

Submitted by Trish Dale

Jamie DohertyFebruary 1
 Mary McKeyFebruary 1
 Guy O'Connor February 3
 Ernesto DifilippoFebruary 4
 Carolyn NellFebruary 5
 Deborah FrethemFebruary 6
 Mike RichardsonFebruary 6
 Demetrius Kanellitsas February 10
 Robert Potter..... February 14
 Kelli Walker..... February 15

Alex Lindsay February 15
 Judith Woodruff February 17
 David Koser..... February 17
 Steve Casselman February 19
 Sheree Greer..... February 20
 Gyb Spilsbury..... February 20
 Maria Alberty February 21
 Charles Greenslade February 22
 Greg Graham..... February 23
 Nancy Bedinger..... February 23
 Dianne Benedetti February 26
 Christine Oertle February 26
 Cassie Richards..... February 27



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Thanks to Our Photographers!

The most popular part of the Windword each month is the club photos, candid and otherwise. We want to thank all of you shutterbugs out there who send us such great material. This newsletter wouldn't be the same without you.

This month's contributors are: Joye Swisher, Susan McQuillan, Nancy Bennett, Lee Imperato, Kelli Walker, Phong Long & Asa Folsom and Dick Risk.

Thanks to you all!



Free Marine Classifieds

Do you have any marine related items you want to purchase, trade or sell? Take a step up from the club bulletin board. Email windword@sailbcyc.org

For Sale: 44' Bombay Explorer. Fix-it-Upper. Parts for Lehman Diesel need to be installed (have parts). Hugh deck with lots of room for friends/family. Spinnaker, roller furler jib (couple of sails for jib), main sail needs replacing. Best offer over \$10,000. On anchor in Boca Ciega Bay outside of Gulfport Marina. Contact Ann at ann.new44@gmail.com or Ray at 727-557-5885 (captray44@gmail.com).

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February 2017

			1 Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm)	2	3	4
5	6 Board Meeting 7:30	7	8	9	10 Sunset/Full Moon Rise Sail Out 5pm	11 February Cruise TSS Skippers Meeting TBA
12 Cruise TSS 2017 Rhumb Runners Winter Race Series 9:30 am	13	14	15	16	17 General Meeting 8pm	18 Work Day 8:30 am Pot luck Dinner 6 pm
19 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series Skipper Mtg 11 am	20	21	22 Windword Deadline	23	24	25
26 2017 Rhumb Runners Winter Race Series 9:30 am	27	28				

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March 2017

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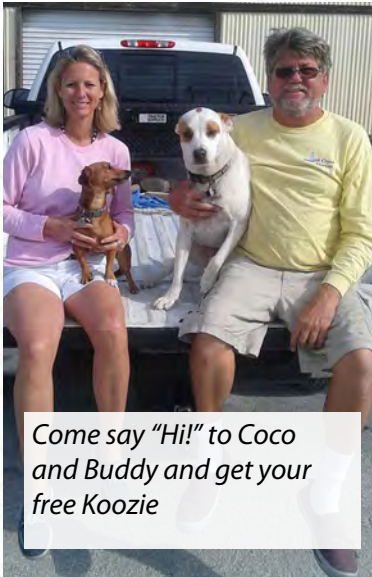
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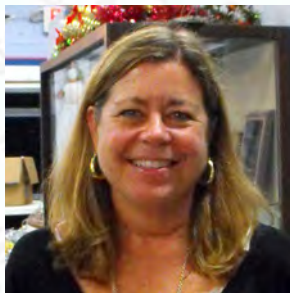
Gary Rhoads

Boat: 26ft Scout
Name: Solitude



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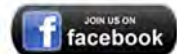
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Prizes for best costumes and then we're cranking the music... Let's go to the Hop!!

Let's Go To The Hop!

February 18

Happy Hour 6pm

Dinner 7pm



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two important City events. First, we fielded several teams of workers for Gulfport's Dr. MLK Day of Service; at least 10 or 15 people. Vice Mayor Mike Frydovich teamed up with me to pick up trash in Clam Bayou and here at the club, and we and other workers said "Hi" to the other City officials along the way. The City definitely saw a good BCYC presence for that, thanks to our PR person, Beth Berkobein, who organized it for us. Similarly, we had a great response to my call for members to come to the City's Marina Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House. Check out the web site for photos.

Harbormaster Denis Frain had said to Doug Fuller that he hoped for a good BCYC presence, and you guys did it. Again, we said "hello" to numerous City officials there, and Doug and I were interviewed by the *Gabber*. So once again, the City knows we're in this with them. To all of you who participated in these events, we really appreciate your involvement, and we know it reflects well on the club. Photos on the next page.

As I mentioned at our membership meeting, some of the boats in our basin really need some attention. If you have a boat in one of our slips, wet or dry, and if you haven't seen your boat recently, please come to the club and at least keep her clean. Some of the boats have gotten to the point where it's just embarrassing. We have guests coming into the club all the time, Fun Day is coming up, the City guys walk our docks every day, and sail school will start soon. No one wants to see a boat that has months and months of bird poo on it. Let's have a little pride in our club. Please.

Speaking of sail school, we'll have two sessions this Spring. Our first session, beginning on March 8th, is either filled up now or soon will be. The second session will start on May 10th. As usual, we'll need all the help

From the *Gabber*:

Among those present for the inauguration was Doug Fuller of St. Petersburg, a 16-year member of the Boca Ciega Yacht Club who said he has seen the marina improve steadily over the years.

"I think it's great," he said of the new facility. "It modernizes everything. Every bit of money the city of Gulfport has put into the marina has come back three- and four-fold monetarily."

Added Yacht Club Commodore Lee Nell: "This is now a building Gulfport can be proud of."

MOTION TO BE READ AT FEBRUARY 17, 2017 GENERAL MEETING

Move to amend Section 4.01 Flag Officers, as follows:

Section 4.01 Flag Officers

(a) There shall be **seven (7)** Flag Officers of Boca Ciega Yacht Club, to wit: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, **Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.**

Each shall be elected to a one (1) year term, as provided herein, except the **Assistant Treasurer**, who shall be elected to a two (2) year term, **the second of which shall be served as the Treasurer.**

Any Flag Officer may be re-elected to the same or another office.

[This amendment would make the Assistant Treasurer a Flag Officer, elected to a two-year term, serving as the Treasurer for the second year.]

And to amend Section 4.02 – Duties, as follows:

...

(g) The **Assistant Treasurer** shall:

[This amendment changes the officer's name from "Assistant to the Treasurer" to "Assistant Treasurer."]

we can get for this important BCYC function. Many of our new members come to us through sail school, and many of those are the ones who stick with us the longest. We've changed the program a little, and we're not asking for as much time from our volunteers as in the past, so see if you can come out and help us put on another successful sail school session this time. Being involved in the program is really a lot of fun, and it's a great way to meet members, both new and old. For this next session, we especially need someone to organize the snacks for the students during the classes. You may not think that is very important, but trust me, you wouldn't want to get between the students and the snack table during snack break. So come on out. We can use your help. Contact John Meyer to volunteer. See more details on page 11.

Good work, BCYC. Let's keep our momentum going and make this a good year for the club.



Grand Opening of the NEW Gulfport Marina



Dockmaster
Dennis Frain



Spring Sail School One

Submitted by Annie Davidson
mathematics4fun@gmail.com

Sail School 2017 begins March 8 with 3 Wednesday classes, plus four on-the-water sessions. **John Meyer, Jenn Buckley, Susan McQuillan & Anne Davidson** are prepping for the 18 students registered. **Paula Dube, Jillian Reed, David Price, Gary Rhoads & Carolyn Mitchell** will be the first line of BCYC hospitality as Table Captains. **Kelli Walker** will do 1st day photography. (Susan will be cruising.) All other photographers welcome. **Suzanne Boohar & Caryn McDermot** have also volunteered to help out.

Chuck Greenslade will "train the trainers" the weekend of March 4th. He will also handle both weekends PM Waterfront Direction 12-4pm, assisted by **Bill Morse** for the mornings of 18th & 19th.

AM Waterfront Director needed for March 11th & 12th 8am until noon! Lead students through rigging, tacking & jibing, an hour in the classroom followed by three on the water. Boat Instructors are still needed too – especially in the morning. (Thank you **Greg Graham, Frank Downward, Mixer O'Keefe, Christy Edwards Potter, & Kathy Longacre** for signing on already!).

Kathy will share her infamous M.O.B. experience as one of our Classroom Speakers, and yes we need a few more Wednesday or weekend speakers on topics



such as sail trim and jibing maneuvers. Don't worry we have powerpoint slides on topic to help, if you have twenty minutes of wisdom to share.

Help on the hoist at 8am or 4pm? Ride along with Waterfront Directors on the safety boat or just monitor the onshore radio. Talk to John, Chuck or Annie & sign up on the Sail School Bulletin Board. Call us before we call you! If March isn't your month, there's a forthcoming May Session opportunity to serve BCYC.

January Workday

Submitted by Rear Commodore Rick Martin

Well, the club was an absolute beehive of activity this past Saturday for work day. While the crew was busy taking down the decorations from Christmas, the kitchen floor was cleaned, the lean to on the North wall was cleaned out and virtually dismantled, the lights in the men's room were replaced, barnacles were cleaned from the docks, chairs were cleaned on the patio, Brazilian peppers attacked on the docks, and all manner of landscaping was accomplished!

How's that for a one (run on) sentence report? There were 48 folks at work day and we were done in about three hours!

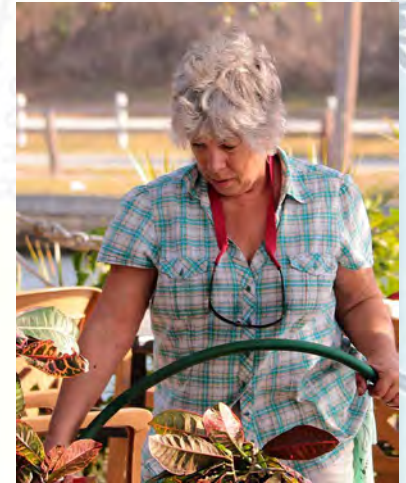
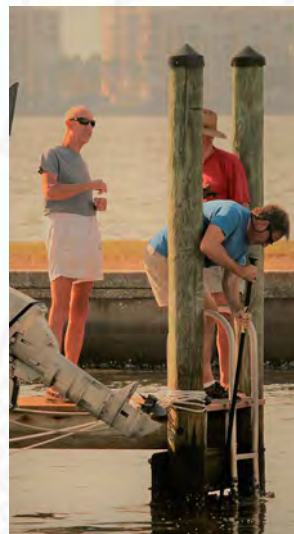
Included in this incredible feat were:

Gyb Spilsbury, Juli Jacoby, Caryn McDermott, Carol Southard, Jim Barber, Patty Tishuk, Dan Chestnut, Barb Meyer, Deb Weber, Nancy Bennett, Lee Nell, Doug Fuller, Bob Trehy, Marty Southard, John McLeod, Craig Frethem, Ruthanne Mitchell, Ray Weber, Susan McQuillan, Bill Morse, Chuck Greenslade, Larry Fiorenza, Fred Donnelly, Larry Lynch, John Holland, Marlene Lucien, Becky Gilmore, Pat Donnelly, Diana Hartmann, Kathy Longacre, Gary Rhoads, Ron Decosse, Carolyn Mitchell, Ed Mitchell, Mixer, Jay Lynch.....Plus all the folks who were there and didn't sign in, Including various past and present Flag Officers (Commodore Who?)

It really was a great work day followed by a fabulous dinner presented by us Flag Officers! Hats off to Lee and Nancy for planning and making it all happen and, of course, Mike Oertle and Chris made a great Pat and Vanna! What a great time!

I'm really looking forward to the next Club Weekend! We need to get things done while the weather is cooler and really get the place looking nice and inviting!

Thanks to everyone for all the hard work!



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Engine Rebuild for Island Girl

Submitted by Bob Trehy, S/V Island Girl

After many years of service and a trip to the Bahamas, Island Girl's Yanmar 2GM 20 developed some serious problems and needed rebuilding. We wanted to use BCYC's hoist to pull the engine out, but the January tides resisted this idea. However, on Jan 17th we had 4.4 ft. of water at the 4:30 PM high tide which allowed us to pull up to the dock by the hoist.

Marty and Carol Southard hip towed Island Girl from her slip to the dock, where several BCYC members awaited. Steve Conn, Lloyd Mason, John McLeod and Paul Stiffler were all on hand to position Island Girl on the dock, swing the hoist into position and then hoist the engine out after Terry Clarke came aboard to unbolt it. Susan McQuillan photographed the entire process which only took about 15 minutes after Terry got there. Larry Lynch came aboard and helped us maneuver the boat back into her slip.

Thanks to everyone who helped out; I certainly could not have done this without your help.



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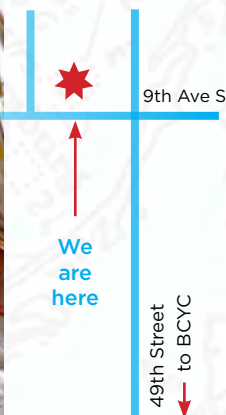
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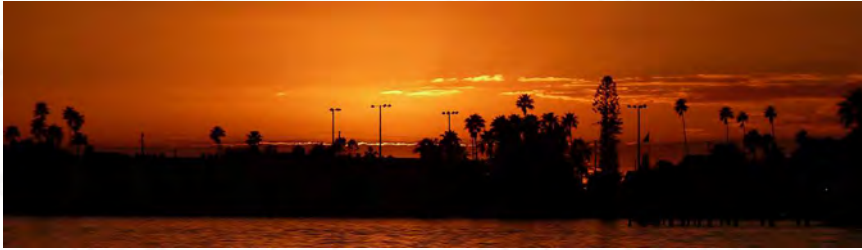
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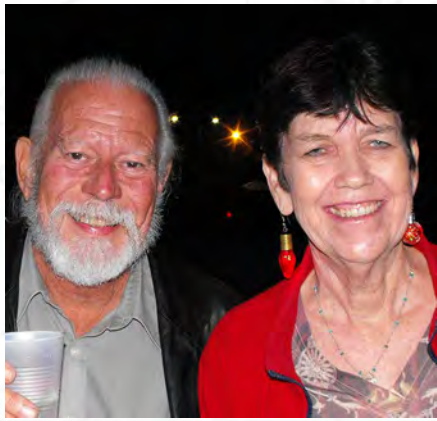
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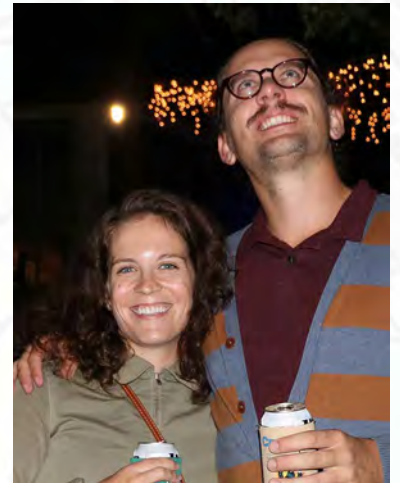


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New Year's Eve Hoot!

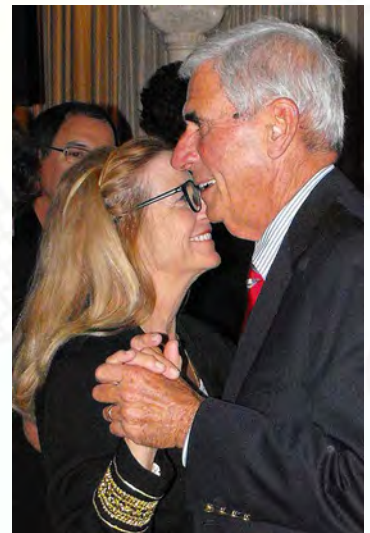




Hootenanny photos by Joye Swisher and Susan McQuillan

More Installation Banquet





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Our Pet Lobsters

By Bruce Bingham

Susan was in law school in Gulfport, Florida, even as we were still living aboard *Saga*, my Fantasia 35 of my own design. She had made a lot of lawyer wanna-be friends during her first year. One aspiring barrister was a beautiful married girl with a four-year-old son and tall blond South African husband. They were also sailors who owned a Pearson 35. One weekend, we invited them to raft up with *Saga* and join us for a lobster dinner.

They tied up to us at 1800. We had drinks and munchies in the cockpit. Their son was restless, and began to whine. He would not quiet down, and that did not sit well with me. I decided to entertain him.

I lifted him down the steep companionway steps, and plopped him on the salon floor just forward of the galley-sink counter. Then I set a large cardboard box next to him, opened it, and withdrew a couple of large, green, live lobsters. They spread their arms (I guess that's what they're call) and swung their claws around. The boy was absolutely fascinated, and squealed with joy.



I put the crustaceans on the floor and they began crawling around. This thrilled the boy even more. "Can I pet them?" he asked. "Sure ... go ahead ... They won't hurt you. They're our pets."

The boy showed no fear as he caressed the hard-shelled crustaceans. "What are their names?" he queried. "The big one is Bob the boatswain", and the

other one is Dolly," I offered as a believable response. He laughed and called their names while chasing the lobsters under the salon table. Since the lobsters had their claws banded, they could not harm the boy, so I left him below while I returned to our guests in the cockpit.

We had more drinks and made short order of the guacamole dip. Soon, it was time for me to start dinner. I returned to the salon and scooped up the boy

and raised him up to his mother's waiting arms. He didn't want to leave our lobster pets and began to make another fuss, but mom calmed him down by showing him how to tie some knots. I put a huge pot of water on the stove to boil.

It took at less than ten minutes for the water to begin bubbling and surging in the pot. One by one, I lowered the lobsters into the caldron and put on the lid. It danced and clanked, making a metallic sound. While the lobsters stewed, I set the table and put out a large stainless bowl of salad, small bowls of melted butter (I think that's the same as "drawn" butter), and poured glasses of wine.

The lobsters were ready in no time. I took them out of the pot with a pair of grilling tongs and placed them on a platter. All was ready. I called everyone below, "Dinner's on!"

Susan and her friends descended the companionway ladder and took their places at the large teak table. The small boy was in his mother's arms as she entered the salon, then she propped him on a stack of pillows so he could see over the edge of the table.

Then the boy spotted the platter of red lobsters. He let out a blood-curdling scream, and started howling like a banshee. "You cooked Bob and Dolly. You're going to eat your pets. They're dead ... they're all dead. Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa ... blaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa ... waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!"

The boy is a young man in his 20s, maybe 30s now. He's in college. He has never forgiven me for my barbarism.



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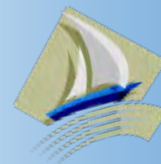
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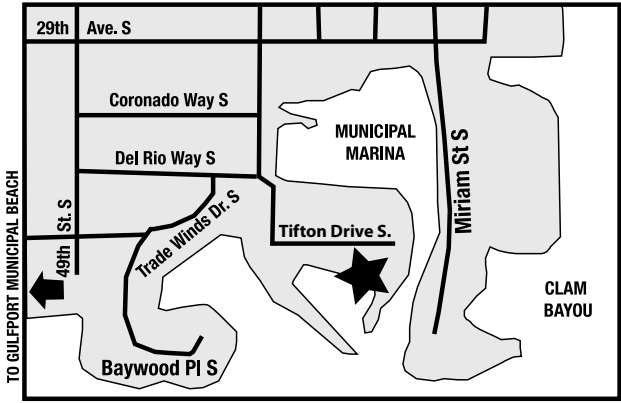
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