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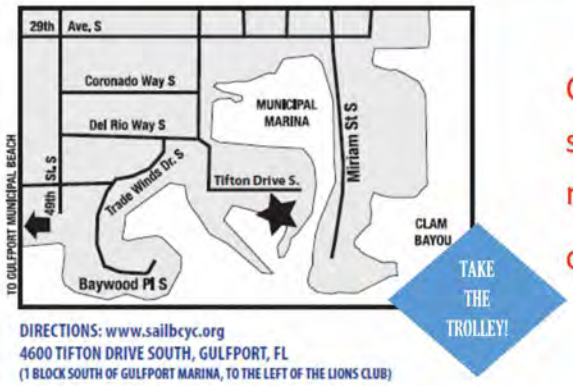

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Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Lee Nell, 2017 Commodore

Well, St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, and Ms. Saigon has hung up her flip flops for another year. We had another session of Celestial Navigation classes, Mark Rother's spring series went off without a hitch, and our March Adult Sail School session got underway with a nearly full complement of students. Unfortunately, we also learned that our Women's Challenge Regatta would have to be cancelled due to a conflict with the City's Formula One boat races, but we'll make sure to get that going next year. As always, this March at BCYC has been quite memorable.

Coming up in April (the 22nd) is the Tampa Bay Hospice Cup Regatta, and again this year, Seahawk, Captain Sandbar's Morgan 30, will be racing in the Morgan Invasion division. Last year, BCYC donated something like $1300 from individual members, and it's even easier to donate this year. Go to the link on our website which takes you right to the Hospice Cup Regatta webpage, where they've announced that BCYC is a partner for this event. We've received a lot of recognition in the area for our generosity. Let's continue the tradition of standing up as a club and keeping our name out there for this worthwhile fundraiser.

Then May 6th is Fun Day. Sign-ups are available on line as well as on the sheets taped to the stand-up cardboard thing at the club. Please look into this because this is an important, perhaps the most important, event we do all year, and we always need a lot of volunteers to pull it off. The community looks forward to this, and we get a lot of good recognition from the City for opening up the club to the community. We need members to do all the jobs, and we especially need boats for boat rides because many of our usual ride-hosts will be away this time. Sign up. Please.

The period for entries for the "Name that Boat" contest (for the Beach Cat pontoon boat) has closed. We got 14 nominations for names, many of which are really clever. We have started the selection process and will announce the winner shortly.

We have amended the By-laws with respect to our live-aboard. Until our recent general membership meeting, the By-laws required that only people who had been members for three years could be our live-aboard member. We have kept that requirement

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April Birthdays

Submitted by Trish Dale

Nina Berkheiser	April 2
Michael Mogavero	April 4
David Humphreys	April 4
Bill Zinner	April 5
Donna Eaten	April 7
Bob Calvillo	April 8
James Masson	April 11
Diann Stern	April 11
David Main	April 12
Ruthanne Mitchell	April 12
Christopher Nichol	April 13
Joy Feininger	April 14
Lynda Calvillo	April 15
Michael Bondy	April 17
Andrew Bustamante	April 17
Candy Sabella	April 17
Janice Saavedra	April 17
Dan Yeazell	April 17
Jay Lynch	April 18
Peter Stewart	April 19
Tom Crawford	April 21
Laura Suzie Dix	April 21
Ricci Honour	April 21
Shelagh Roberts	April 23
Betty Southard	April 24
Gerard Gaudry	April 27
Linda New	April 27
Michael Oertle	April 27
Jonathan Gillespie	April 28
Tricia Longnecker	April 29
Joan Mealey	April 29
Marjorie Lofts	April 30

Are we missing your birthday?
Please edit your member information in Wild Apricot or contact Trish Dale.

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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: Susan McQuillan, Joye Swisher and Kelli Walker.

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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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Tuesday Night Racing (every Tues 5pm)	Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm)			1 April Cruise - Desoto Point
2 April Cruise - Desoto Point	3 Board Meeting 7:30	4	5	6	7	8
9 2017 RR Winter Race Series 9:30 am	10 Sunset/Full Moon Rise Sail Out 4:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 General Meeting 8pm	22 Work Day 8:30 am DERBY DAY Dinner 6 pm see website calendar for details
23/30 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series Skipper Mtg 11 am	24	25	26 Windword Deadline	27	28	29

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Board Meeting 7:30	2 Tuesday Night Racing (every Tues 5pm)	3 Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm)	4	5	6 **FUNDAY!**
7	8	9	10 Sunset/Full Moon Rise Sail Out 5pm 6:30 PM Spring-II Adult Sail School	11	12	13 8:00 AM Spring-II Adult Sail School
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21 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series Skipper Mtg 11 am 8:00 AM Spring-II Adult Sail School	22	23	24 Windword Deadline 7 PM Spring-II Adult Sail School	25	26	27 May Memorial Day Cruise - TBA
28 May Memorial Day Cruise - TBA	29	30	31 5:00 PM Spring II - Sail School Sunset Sailout			

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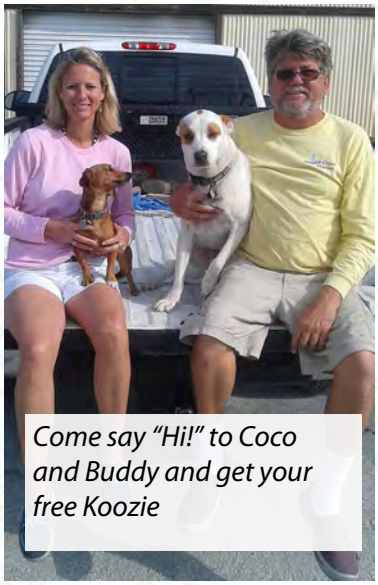

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Welcome!

March New Members

Gregory Foley

Boat: None

Geoffrey Robinson and Barbara Aurand

Boat: None

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2017 Hospice Cup Donations Needed!

Last year Richard Walters, Bruce Bingham and Dave Burnham represented BCYC in the Tampa Bay Hospice Cup on SeaHawk.

They will be representing BCYC again, but Richard wants to get the word out to other potential BCYC captains that may also want to help represent the club at this regatta.

Last year we received a lot of recognition both for the money we donated from our fundraising and the conversations Richard had with the organizers about BCYC.

Dinner/Auction: April 8 | Regatta: April 22, 2017

Donate & support SeaHawk at http://tampabayhospicecup.com/bcyc

The Tampa Bay Hospice Cup, formerly known as the Morgan Invasion, is open to both Morgan and non-Morgan sailboats. With a strong focus on sailing camaraderie, the event caters to cruising enthusiasts that just want to come out and be part of a fun regatta. In addition to the traditional Morgan Invasion fleets, the regatta also features open non-Morgan fleets for PHRF, Multi-hulls, and a cruiser-friendly "Just-for-Fun" casual fleet.

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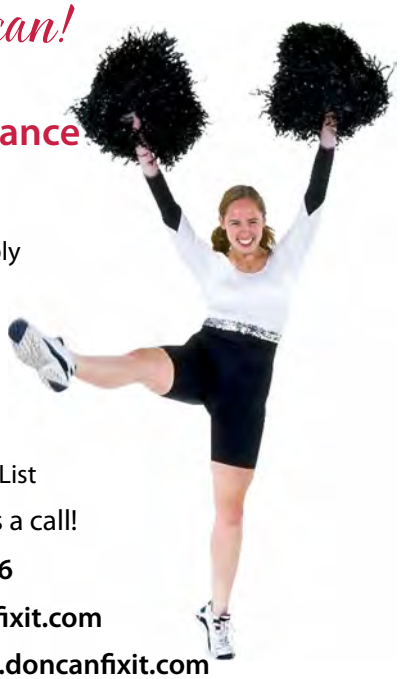

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but have amended the By-law to provide for a waiver of it in the Board's discretion. This has come up because two of our newer members have expressed interest in becoming our live-aboard. Now that the waiver amendment has passed, the Board has two decisions to make: shall we waive the 3-year requirement for these applicants; and if so, shall we name one of these applicants to be our live-aboard. I will ask the Board to approve an Ad Hoc committee, headed by Past Commodore Richard (Who?), to develop and conduct a vetting process for these candidates, and to report the committee's findings to the Board. After that, each candidate must appear before the Board.

As I announced at the meeting, we have been invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba. In addition to numerous events, the largest party will be on May 21st, the date of the HIYCC's founding 25 years ago. If you've ever thought of going to Cuba, this might be a good opportunity to go and enjoy some Cuban nautical culture.

Finally, but perhaps most importantly, I want to reiterate that we are and want to remain a friendly club. Our Club Objectives are listed on the very first page of our Directory: #3 "To foster fellowship and camaraderie amongst the members." This means that we must treat each other with courtesy and respect, and it applies to all your interactions with your fellow club members, however you interact – in person or in correspondence, or by any other means. It does not take any more time or effort to treat each other decently. That's what our rules require, but it's really nothing more than what is fair to expect in civilized society. Let's try to keep doing that around here, please.

2017 Women's Challenge Regatta Update

I regret to inform the Rhumb Runners and BCYC at large that the Women's Challenge Regatta has been canceled for 2017. The Gulfport Grand Prix Formula One Power Boat Race and Show is scheduled for April 28th through the 30th which conflicts with our regatta on the 29th. The city voted in November to include the race in the city's 2017 activities but have been slow to advertise it. As of this writing it has finally showed up on the special event calendar. Friday is the boat show from 12 to 6 followed by two days of racing 10AM to 5PM. The entire downtown shoreline is the staging area for the race. To my knowledge I don't believe BCYC has ever had an "on the water event" conflict with the city.

I reviewed our own club calendar and there is no time that the regatta can be rescheduled without interfering with other events. All options have been explored and this really is our only choice for this year. I have sent in a special event application to the city for the regatta that will be held April 28th, 2018. While the majority of the application does not apply to the regatta (and other club events for that matter) it does get the date on the 2018 fiscal year calendar. This is something other committee chairs might consider to avoid potential conflicts.

Thank you for your understanding,

Barb Meyer
WCR Chair

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Good Evening Vietnam
One to remember...

The inspiration for March's covered dish was a "life list" trip for me and "bucket list" trip for Lisa. In November we spent two very memorable weeks traveling from South to North Vietnam. I had never been to Asia, so you can imagine my excitement over everything I saw, smelled, touched, and ate, and ate, and ate; so many delicious meals. I was mesmerized by the ancient cities, lush deltas, deep green farm lands, and the ever so muddy winding rivers. The Vietnamese are an endearing people and their customs are just so wonderfully different from our own. It truly is a country were the old and new co-exist. So, when Lisa asked me to co-host a dinner with our theme, how could I say no?

Buddhas, altars, lanterns, incense, temples, flowers, and fresh markets were just a few of the things we used to draw our decoration ideas from. Lisa's dish - spicy lemon grass chicken, was one that we had several times on the trip. One of our traveling companions, Monika McGrath helped prepare it. My dish, Pho soup - Lisa ate almost every morning. For breakfast there was a combination of what we would consider lunch and dinner foods along with our usual egg dishes.

Thanks to Jonathan we were able to share the many pictures that Lisa took depicting our amazing trip. We would have liked to have done some narrating, but as usual our members were having too much fun! A good problem to have!

The entertainment for the evening was a rather unusual bingo game with a surprise guest and Mistress of Ceremonies, "Miss Saigon" (aka Richard Walters). I don't think I'll ever look at her, I mean him, the same way ever again. Richard's talent and humor made it so much fun! We toasted each winner with a Vietnamese cheer we witnessed on our first night in Ho Chi Minh City; Mot, hai, ba, dzo! (pronounced yo) translated; 1,2,3, cheers! Raise your glass and take a drink.

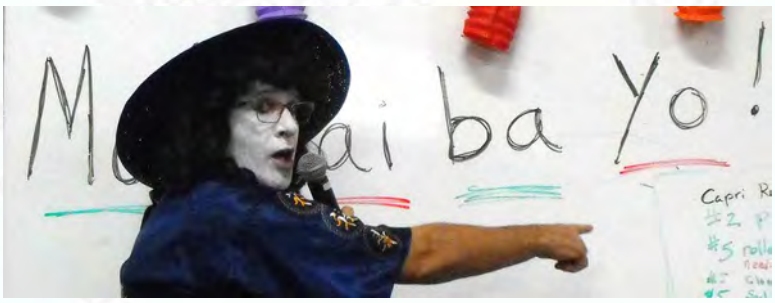
There were some wonderful costumes and I'm so sorry we forgot to have the contest! Blame it on the bingo!

Thank you to everyone who joined us! It was great fun!

Cam on ban,

Barb and Lisa

Photos courtesy of Joye Swisher



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March Cruising Report – Renegade Cruisers

Submitted by Susan McQuillan and John McLeod

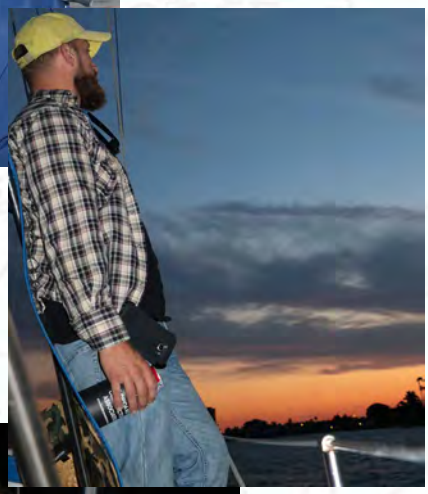
Due to high, unfavorable winds, the March Club Cruise was cancelled. There are reports of renegade cruisers that went up the ICW to "The Pub" in Indian Shores for lunch. Among those Renegade Cruisers were Invictus, Idler, Fanta-Sea and Relaxin'. And land cruisers Garth and Janice Reynolds. Upon return to BCYC the "Scally-wags" had a jam session going on and dinner with ribs, chicken casserole and other side dishes, thanks to Guy O'Connor.

The next Sunset/Full Moon Sail Out will be Saturday March 11, 2017. Since we hope to be on our way to the Bahamas, Jen and Don Rogers will captain the sail out starting around 4:30. Jen, change this however you like, in the event that you guys cover for us.

The link to Dropbox photos are on Trending Now.

Keep checking Trending Now and Club Calendar for updates.

More cruise photos next page, photos courtesy of Susan McQuillan >>



Full Moon Cruise Report March 2017

Submitted by Don and Jen Rogers, standing in for the REAL cruisers, John McCleod and Susan McQuillan

There was a beautiful sunset and rising full moon on March 11 and we would love to be able to tell you how beautiful it really was out of the Gulf. Since our sailboat is still on the heard at Salt Creek, we opted to lead the way on Dick and Carroll Risk's powerboat, Risky Business. It turned out to be risky indeed, as the boat overheated a half-mile from the dock. After a few frantic phone call, our trusty Commodore took over for us and we slowly limped back to the dock. Seven boats actually got out to see the sunset/moon rise, along with a dozen or so lucky guests, and we hear it was mah-velous. Thank you Lee!

The April cruise is the 1st and 2nd and the destination is DeSoto Point, a favorite anchoring cruise spot on the Manatee River. More details will be released via Trending Now and the club calendar as the date draws closer.

See more fantastic cruise photos at www.sailbcyc.org/Gallery

Journey to Just Us

Submitted by Phong Long and Asa Folsom

Connections

Asa and I come from a data-driven world on the far west coast in Portland, where we began our boat research online. We browsed through thousands of listings from across the world and initiated communication without rolling out of bed. We found it easy, yet overwhelming to compare boats, fire off emails to a myriad of potential sellers, take messages, respond to texts, look up the boat's history, look up the seller's history, read up on their blogs, etc…

Despite all of this, while some of the bread crumbs we followed originated online, we continued to connect the dots and found our boat the old fashioned way.

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From: Phong
To: Asa
Subject: sailing school meetup!
Date: 9/11/2015
Begins Sept 17th... interesting...
$250 per person, includes everything we
need to get started :D
cheaper than any other sailing class
I've seen!
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ing-School-Gulfport-FL/
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And so it goes. After registering, Jon Gillespie (the Sail School Director) made sure we knew where to go, when to show up, what to bring, and where we could find videos of the lectures on youtube.

Stepping into the unknown that was our first class, Cassie Richards was first to greet us with a warm welcome. As everyone settled in and found their seats, we found ourselves with Cassie as our table captain. Yay!

Her passion for sailing and passing on that knowledge was a big part of why we looked forward to the next class evert week - despite the rush hour drive from work in Tampa to BCYC. We must admit that it was a bit intimidating walking into a room full of people at different points along their journey to sailing. We're forever thankful for the inviting environment that BCYC provided.

Time on the water is where the connections started to slowly take shape. We both took Cassie's advice to learn separately. And somehow, right around about the third time out on the water Bill Morse would be Phong's instructor for the day.

The bay was recovering from partially treated sewage from a rainy summer and the sundown sail had to be rescheduled. As luck would have it, all of this culminated in an odd number of students one weekend. Phong drew the short straw and had the opportunity to sail solo with Bill.

Time in the classroom was fine and dandy - time on the water was another story altogether. After a set of very poorly executed maneuvers, confusing left and right with the tiller, gusty winds, and forgetting to pull up the ladder causing an slow listing to starboard, Bill was thrown around and water started washing over the sides and into the cockpit. In order not to look bad in front of the safety boat, Bill took the tiller and the mainsheet, "Don't ever do that again."

He also said that he wouldn't be able to check Phong out, but then offered to give him some additional lessons at his convenience.

It took two more attempts before Bill gave Phong a check out on the condition that he keep practicing.

From there, we met many other members… detailing those experiences would fill up the entire Windword.

But one way or another, Phong was invited to crew for a couple races on Idler. He insists that his mistakes routinely led to major losses in time. Yet Bill kept inviting him to crew.

Phong was invited to assist Chris Richards with some projects aboard Yulie Borealis, as well as James Masson's boat Calypso - a couple more dots.

James had heard from at least one person at BCYC that we were looking for a boat to fix up and sail, and invited Phong to join him at Dolphin's Landing where he had Calypso moored up.

"You haven't done much boating, have you?" James asked me as he readied the paddles to paddle us out of some sea grass I had steered us into on our way out.

At some point during a hot afternoon working aboard, James told Phong of a boat he had heard that may be coming up for sale soon.

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Phong ended up leaving his contact information with the lady working the front desk... just in case there may be a boat for sale.

It had been two summers and just over a year and a half before in early September, we received a voicemail from Nina.

Work was becoming all consuming at the time and "I'll call her back tomorrow after work" turned into 2 weeks. Then two weeks turned into four. Eventually, we remembered to call her back and after a quick chat, made an appointment to take a look on the weekend.

And then there she was, sitting in her private dock, a 1977 Gulfstar 37... lovingly maintained, being prepped by two captains for a sail around the world until their circumstances changed and they needed to sell.

Upon entering the cabin, Asa and I both gave each other that "I think this may be it" look.

Ed Note: This is the newest in a series we began in April of 2016 from Phong and Asa on what it is like to be getting started in cruising today. Check out their blog at http://journeytojustus.com/

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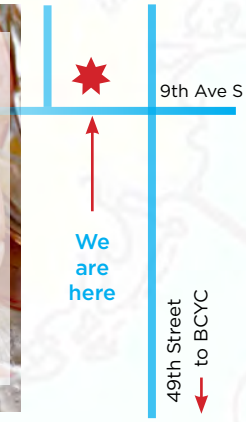

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Spring Sail School I Graduates

13 Women & 6 Men, Ready to Crew!

Submitted by Anne Davidson

Special thanks to new instructor Adam Hood who not only brought six hands on deck (with 2 sons), he received much positive feedback from students (well, we all did, but students report Adam was especially encouraging!) I appreciate all volunteer help with registering, instructing, hoisting, repairing, feeding, safe-keeping, photographing…did I remember everybody? Hope so.

BCYC Adult Sail School's strength is in the synergy of instruction from all our diverse histories. Come add yourself to the mix! Train-the-Trainers happens in April. I have had great fun and become a better sailor from role-playing Instructor/Student prior to sail school.

Experience is recognizing a mistake when you make it the second time? As Jonathan says, in Sail School there are no mistakes, just 'Learning Experiences'.

Sail School Volunteers

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Suzanne Boohar
Mixer O'Keefe
Kathy Longacre
Gary Rhoads
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Christy Edwards
David Henshaw
Bob Trehy
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Adam Hood & sons
Tom Hicks
Larry Brown
Norman Inkpen
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Bill Morse
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Lee Nell
Kathy Longacre
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Carolyn Mitchell
Paula Dube
Linda Bagby
Danny Bolinger
Susan McQuillan
Kelli Walker
Mark Rother
Jenn Buckley

Our March Sail School Graduates

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Celma Mastry	South Pasadena
Zoraida Abresch	St Petersburg
Sheril & Mark Cookman	Tampa
Brant & Rhea Moffat	Tampa
Judy & Mike Thomas	Tampa
Steven Prawl	St. Petersburg
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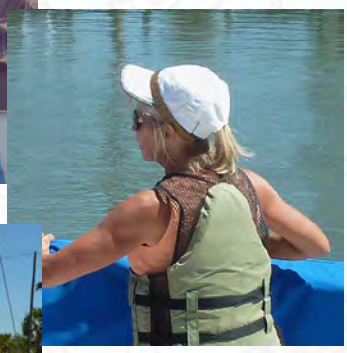

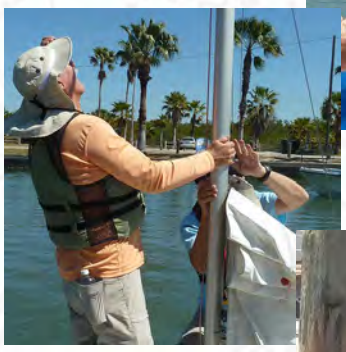

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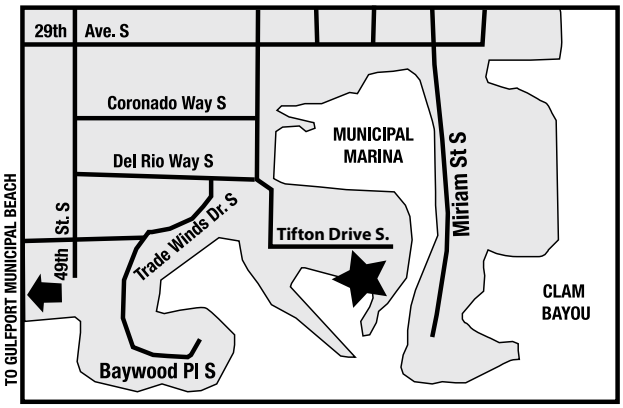

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A beautiful day for the Rhumb Runners' second race of the Winter Series, Feb 25, 2017. Look like fun, ladies? Join the Rhumb Runners! Contact Joye Swisher at rhumbrunners@sailbcyc.org. Photo courtesy of Joye.