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Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Lee Nell, 2017 Commodore

Your Club needs you!

We have some projects at BCYC that need some members to come forward, take control and figure out the best way to move forward with them. Have a look at this list and see if one of these projects seems interesting to you. Maybe you would like to influence a project in some way, or perhaps you see one that needs your skills. The club will benefit from your input and your recommendations to the Board.

1. Pontoon boat. Russ could use some help with the fiberglass work and putting the boat back together. We want to get Motley Crewed into the water soon.
2. Air conditioning. Marty Southard is working on this, but he could use another hand or two to get estimates and ideas.
3. North-side mural. Russ is handling this but can always use some help putting it together. This one will start after we splash Motley Crewed.
4. Smoker. We want to move or re-move the smoker out back. We need someone to come up with some recommendations about what to do with it, and considering how heavy it is, how to do it.
5. Outdoor kitchen. Related to the smoker. We don't want to lose the cooking area if we discard the smoker. Do we replace it with an outdoor kitchen or just get more outdoor grills. If we want a kitchen, we need to figure out the costs, research any applicable building codes, and decide on a location.
6. O'Day sailboat. Some members think the sailboat by the hoist is an eyesore. Shall we remove it or repair and refurbish it? Costs?
7. Playground. Would a playground help attract new, younger members? If so, should we install one, what, and where?
8. Stand-up Paddleboards (SUP). Michele Porter and Richard Walters are working on this, but they can use some help. We think some SUP and perhaps kite-board regattas would bring good publicity to the club, possibly some new members, and some good will with the City.

As you can see, there's lots to do, and that list doesn't even include other items such as a new floor for the clubhouse and remodeling the bathrooms and others. All of these things are going to help keep our club moving ahead to the future, and all of them need members to apply their skills, talent and time to make them work. Please become one of the active members who will help keep BCYC a club we all can continue to enjoy.

Speaking of keeping our club functioning, we owe a big "thank you" to the folks who came out for work day to clean up the mess after Irma. Our tree out front was down, and with it a power line, there was tree

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October Birthdays

Thomas NeuOctober 1
 Bethany KeoughOctober 5
 Nick SouthardOctober 6
 Janice MurphyOctober 9
 Patti Sinnott.....October 9
 Patricia Gaudry October 12
 Cynthia Aurin October 15
 Lloyd Gardner October 15
 Nathaniel Kidder..... October 15

Richard Walters..... October 17
 Hal Feininger October 19
 Michael Baggs October 20
 Larry Annen..... October 22
 Ken Stone October 22
 Norma Morris..... October 23
 Christopher Turner..... October 24
 James Heil October 25
 Norman Inkpen..... October 25
 Charles Mitchell October 30
 Cornelia Billhofer October 31
 Suzanne Floyd October 31



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and she will try to accommodate your schedule within reason.

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Send us a photo of you wearing BCYC gear on your travels and we will feature it here.



BCYC at Cedar Key



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, Ruth Peterson, Matt Maloy, Tony Angel, Phong Long, Sheree Annen, Picot & Suzy Floyd, Samantha Ring, the photographer whose photos are on the home page (?) and Marty Southard's videographer (?).

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

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Items for Sale Scouts: 22 foot Spindrift sailboat with motor \$3,900 Dependable 6 hp Tohatsu motor new 2008 VHF radio first aid emergency kit good bottom job on the hull centerboard easily operated to give 20 inch draft with the board up. Roller furling jib sail Mainsail new in 2008 sleeps 4

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For Sale: BOAT STUFF, propane stove w/oven, anchor windless, line, fenders, etc. Call with needs. Russ, 727-543-1995

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2017						
1	2 Board Meeting 7:30	3 Tuesday Night Racing (every Tues 5pm)	4 Adult Sail School 6:30 pm	5 Sunset/Full Moon Rise Sail Out 5 pm	6	7 October Cruise Terra Ceia Capt Meet 9am Adult Sail School 8 am - 4 pm
8 October Cruise Terra Ceia Adult Sail School 8 am - 4 pm Rhumb Runners Fall Race Series 9:30 AM	9	10	11 Adult Sail School 7 pm	12	13	14 Adult Sail School 8 am - 4 pm
15 Adult Sail School 8 am - 4 pm	16	17	18 Adult Sail School 7 pm	19	20 General Meeting 8pm	21 Work Day 8:30 am Rhumb Runners 11 am Pot luck Dinner 6 pm Halloween
22 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series Skipper Mtg 12 pm	23	24	25 Windword Deadline Sail School Sail Out 5:30 pm	26	27	28 Mack 'n' Gnaw Race
29 Rhumb Runners Fall Race Series 9:30 AM	30	31				

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26	27	28	29	30		

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(Ursula not shown)
Boat: None



Bethany Keough
Boat: Row Boat & Kayak



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litter all over the property, we had the storm shutters in place over the doors and windows, the sail shade was down for the storm, and the main club room was filled up with all the tables, chairs, and trash cans from the porch and from outside. Now that everything is back to normal, please join me in saying thanks to everyone who helped out.

I also want to thank the nominating committee—Ann New, Steve Conn, Bob Trehy and Chair, Shep Massar—who have come up with a fine slate of nominees for next year's Board and officers. This is a tougher job than you might think, and I know these guys did some hard work to come up with a good group of people to lead our club. The nominees' names can be found on page 14 in this issue. Under our By-laws, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at October's membership meeting, and then the nominations will close. Voting will take place at November's membership meeting.

Please note that the "green" piling/channel marker, otherwise known as Cathy's Marker, has been knocked down again. Please exercise special caution when you leave and return to our basin. Don't cut those corners short or you will be aground.

Boat owners, please have a look at our Waterfront Policies and the City Marina requirements regarding securing boats during storms. We still have over two months to go in the hurricane season this year, and we need to make sure we are prepared for the storms we know will be coming.

It's not only your own boat that may be impacted. If you do not secure your boat properly, it may crash into someone else's boat, and flying debris is always a hazard to everyone.

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Rhumb Runners Halloween Party



Saturday Oct. 21
costume contest
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fun starts at 6

September Workday & Irma Damage



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2017 Labor Day Raft-Up





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Scallywags of BCYC News

Submitted by Steve Honour

The Scallywags will be playing on October 14th at Tampa Sailing Squadron for Rumgatta. BCYC boats and members are encouraged to attend. Boats and members can enter the Rumgatta with or without a rating, and sail in the Mother Lode Class without a rating.

Or you can come for the dinner and live performance only and stay overnight. Docking and rafting is available. Please visit the Tampa Sailing Squadron website link below for details, and make arrangements as early as possible.

Proceeds benefit youth sailing and Meals On Wheels. TSS has also arranged for a really nice long foulie jacket to be raffled off for Meals On Wheels. Come join the Scallywags as they play for our sister club across the bay. See you there for a fun event.

http://www.sail-tss.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=109032&module_id=265498

A Helly Hanson jacket was donated for auction at the awards dinner. The proceeds go to Meals On Wheels. I don't know of a better jacket. I particularly like the 3/4 length that covers your backside. It is the ebony color, and it is size large. It retails for \$1,000. See the link to the Helly Hanson website below.

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https://www.hellyhansen.com/en_us/aegir-ocean-jacket-30335



In other news, the Scallywags now have a logo and you can order you very own Scallywags Swag to show your support for the band!

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Nominating Committee Report

Submitted by Shep Massar, Committee Chair

The slate of nominees for Flag Officers and new Board Members for 2018 were submitted at the September General Meeting on Friday September 22nd. They are as follows:

2018-2019 Board Directors

Nancy May-Hatch
Becky Gilmore
Picot Floyd
Nancy Bennett

2018 Flag Officers:

Commodore: Larry Brown
Vice Commodore: Sheri Ogorek
Rear Commodore: Garth Reynolds
Fleet Captain: James Masson
Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Schuler
Secretary: Marjorie Lofts

The current Commodore, Lee Nell, will automatically move into the Past Commodore role, and the current Assistant Treasurer, Ray Weber, will automatically move into the Treasurer's role.

Per Bylaws Section 6, if there is anyone who wishes to run for one of the positions who is currently not listed they are still able to put their names forward to the Nominating Committee to be included in the voting process.



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Sea Scouts Fundraising Dinner and Bridge of Honor Ceremony



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"Under The Sea" September Dinner

Submitted by Cathy Talisman

What a wonderful day and night at the club we had for the postponed September dinner. Dianne Benedetti and Cathy T hosted the dinner with Shrimp Enchiladas and black beans rice.

Having received compliments for the handmade enchiladas, I am including below the recipe featuring Dianne was our real chef for this one.



Shrimp Enchiladas with Creamy Poblano Sauce

Prep Time: 5 Min, Cook Time: 30 Mins

Ingredients:

Creamy Poblano Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups low sodium chicken broth
- 1 large poblano, minced (reserve 2 tablespoons)
- ¾ cup sour cream
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper
- 2 cups Monterey or pepper jack cheese (divided)*
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped

Enchilada Stuffing:

- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons oil
- ½ cup white onions, diced
- 4 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 ½ cups shredded (matchstick) carrots
- 3 cups packed fresh baby spinach
- a couple dashes of hot sauce*
- 12 flour or whole wheat tortillas

Directions:

1. *Creamy Poblano Sauce:* Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and allow it to cook for 1-2 minutes or until it just begins to brown. Gradually whisk in the chicken broth and

cook. You want to whisk continuously so you don't have any lumps, about 2-3 minutes. When the sauce begins to thicken just a bit, add in the sour cream, whisking if necessary. Next, add garlic powder and the poblano (except the reserved 2 tablespoons). Simmer and allow the sauce to thicken for another 2-3 minutes. Adjust seasonings to taste and stir in 1 cup of cheese, when the cheese melts, remove from stove and stir in 2 tablespoons of cilantro. Set aside.

2. *Enchilada Stuffing:* Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 375°F. In a large sauce pan, heat 1 tablespoons of oil over medium high heat. Add the shrimp and allow them to cook about 1 minute per side. Season with salt and pepper. Remove the shrimp to a plate using a slotted spoon. Discard any moisture from the pan and wipe clean. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil to the pan and cook the onions for 1-2 minutes or until they just begin to turn translucent. Add the garlic along with the 2 tablespoons of reserved poblano and sauté for 30 seconds. Add the matchstick carrots and baby spinach along with a couple dashes of hot sauce. Allow the spinach to just barely begin to wilt and remove from stove. Chop the shrimp and add them to the spinach mixture, stir to combine.

3. *Assembly:* Spray a 9×13 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Lay the tortillas on a flat surface such as a cutting board and spoon the shrimp and spinach mixture in the center, about 1/3 cup. Sprinkle some of the remaining cheese and roll the tortilla and place it seam side down on the prepared baking dish. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Drizzle the tops of the tortillas with ½ of the creamy poblano sauce, cover the casserole dish with foil and allow to bake for 15-20 minutes or until the tortillas heat all the way through. Drizzle the remaining sauce on the enchiladas and top with the remaining 1 tablespoon of cilantro.



The fishy contest was won by Lisa Glaser for her mermaid outfit and by Paula Shur for her turtle hat and accessories. Mixer gave support to the contestants.

Raft-Up Dinner



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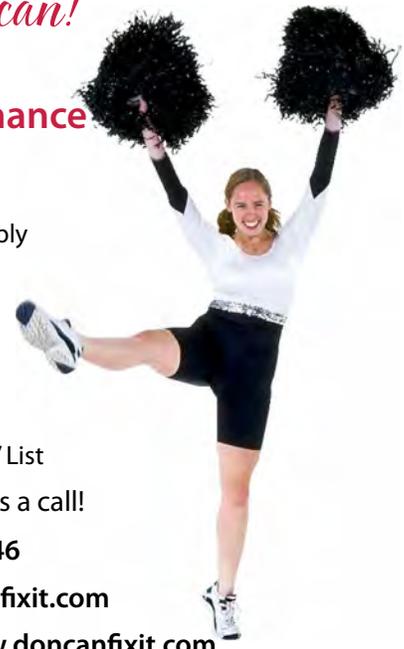
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Rhumb Runner Pram and Sunfish Days

Submitted by Paula Shur, RR Sailing/Racing Co-Chair

Seven sailors got their butts wet sailing prams in the "lagoon" on Saturday, August 26th. Although the forecast called for doom and gloom, Mother Nature provided mostly light wind and clear skies for our Rhumb Runner Pram morning. I just knew the weather would hold when club cat, Mia, greeted us in the parking lot. In inclement weather Mia can be found indoors curled up on a chair.

Barb Meyer, Windlass Rita Root, and I offered basic rigging instruction and pram boat handling to four quick learners - Suzy Floyd, Sheree Annen, and two guests from Windlasses. With impressive teamwork we rigged the prams in about thirty minutes.



A few gusts and shifty wind challenged our sailors as they practiced rounding a windward mark. Everyone sailed very well. Of course the wind shifted off the shore just as we were sailing back to the beach. I am pretty sure the wind gods wanted to give us one more chance to practice upwind sailing.

I want to thank Picot Floyd and Jim Meyer for volunteering for safety boat duty.

We quickly derigged and washed the boats. During lunch on the patio, I held a debrief to answer any sailing questions.



We were lucky to have a fun day on the water!

We were not so lucky for our planned Sunfish sailing the next morning. Lightning lit up the sky and thunder

boomed as Mia slept soundly on a chair in the clubhouse. No wind, then too much wind kept us on shore.

Sheri Ogorek, Sheree Annen, Lisa Glaser, Becky Gilmore, Barb Meyer, Rita Root, Emily Wagner, and I reviewed tacking and jibing tactics, followed by Q&A time. Since we could not sail, the next best thing was talking about sailing, right? Well, that and heading to Gulfport for brunch. Thank you again to Jim Meyer for volunteering for safety boat duty.



Photos courtesy of Picot & Suzy Floyd

Rhumb Runner Report

Submitted by Barb Meyer, RR Captain

I want to thank all the members and Sea Scouts for supporting the Rhumb Runners by taking part in the "Vintage Life Raft" drawing. Sheree Annen came up with the idea of the raffle after finding the 1970's survival raft during a home clean up. Larry had obtained it as part of a drug raid, the story gets a little sketchy after that. Of course the RR's had to let her go with it. You really can't stop Sheree when she puts her mind to something!

It was serendipitous that Sea Scouts won the raft along with the opportunity to opening it Sunday during the official start of raft up. There were skeptics in the group about it's worth, they will remain unnamed. If you weren't at the raft up you missed it. It popped open with a big *whoosh!* The Scouts had a blast seeing how many of them they could get in. When it sprang a leak they took the patch kit that was included and made the repair. It was like opening a treasure chest, all the supplies including survival food were still intact. It really added to the fun and I think the skeptics changed their minds.

The Rhumb Runner's fall racing series got off to a slow start due to Hurricane Irma. We kicked off the series by sharing the bay with the "Big Boats." Thanks to all for good old BCYC cooperation.

The weather should be in our favor on October 14th as the Rhumb Runners are heading to Weeki Wachee for a day of Kayaking. Contact our Social Event Chair Becky Gilmore if you would like to join us.

Ken Shur sent a copy of his plans for the new Sunfish rack and they are attached to this article. It will not only provide easier access to the boats but eliminate the standing water issue. I think everyone will be pleased and I hope that we all can agree to move forward as soon as possible. Notes from Ken Shur below:

I tried implementing my idea for supporting the Sunfish on my own trailer first. We drove from Clearwater to BCYC over every bump and railroad track, in the rain, and found that it supports the boat well and it drained just fine. I used weather-proof PVC strips, to reduce friction, mounted to fence slats as bunk boards and mounted that with trailer bolster brackets to the trailer. In our application I would replace the U-bolts with wood screws.

This allows the boat to be tilted slightly to port and bow high to allow the water to drain. It also eliminates the risk of damaging the drain on the bottom. At first I went with 2x4 supports but found that with the gentle curve of the Sunfish bottom the boat was supported in just a very small spot tangent to the boat (this is a problem with the Dunedin racks). The fence planks along with the PVC strips bend just enough to conform to the bottom of the boat distributing the weight more evenly. The fence boards are also very cheap to replace if ever needed.

I was encouraged by the report of our meeting with Denis Fran in regard to the dingy beach. Making the beach appealing for water activities and small boat sailors has been a long time dream of mine. I've been discouraged in the past but this time I intend to see it through.

Florida Women's Sailing Association fall meeting and luncheon has been postponed with the new date TBA. Delegates Joye Swisher, Sheree Annen, alternate delegate Cathy Talisman, Paula Shur and Sheri Ogorek will represent the Rhumb Runners. The fall Championship Regatta hosted by the Salty Sisters will be held on October 17th in spinnaker Ideal 18's and non-spinnaker 420's. Rhumb Runners are getting a team ready to enter.

Rainbow Regatta meetings resumed on September 22nd. Joye Swisher is the RR representative.

Tampa Bay Sailing Squadron is having a One Design Regatta on December 2nd. It will be similar to the our regatta held in November. BCYC and Rhumb Runners have been invited. The NOR and entry forms are now available at: <https://www.regattatech.com/events/TSS/OneDesign17/registration/showEntryForm>. Any questions contact Matt Dalton Vice Commodore (M.Dalton@leaptampa.com)



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The annual RR commitment form we asked women to fill out has been only marginally successful. Once again this form was to help the officers know who is truly interested in being a part of the group, whether it be for social activities or sailing. Donations that we collect at meetings are exactly that. We do not want anyone to feel pressure to give monetarily. We want all women to feel comfortable being a part of the group. There are so many ways creative ways we can enjoy each other's company.

Mermaid Crown making event has been rescheduled for Friday October 6. Joye Swisher, Lisa Glaser, along with Sheree Annen will be leading the class. The fee is \$25.00, club members and guests are welcome to join us. See details below.

RR's are the hosts for this month's club dinner. Think Halloween fun and costumes! There is a 50/50 fundraiser planned for that night. See page 12 for details.

One of the reasons for our fundraising is we have a dream to one day personally own racing sails and rigging for at least five Sunfish, maybe our own boat. We want to support members by helping them with FWSA fees and regatta expenses. Finally, RR's hope to make a contribution to a scholarship for young women sailors.

Update on the 2018 Women's Challenge Regatta April 28th 2018. During the RR Advisory Board Meeting we voted to keep the same name and continue with three classes, all women, man on board coached and man on board un-coached. May the rest of the sailing season be uneventful!

Rhumb Runner Fundraiser

Creative Evening of Mermaid Crowns



Friday, October 6, 2017 @ 7pm at BCYC

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What Does BCYC Mean To Me?

Submitted by Steve Honour

I like to do things with people. Fun things. Meaningful things. Memorable things. BCYC provides a great group of people, the venue and the spirit that fulfills my needs. I didn't know that until I joined.

I joined BCYC in 2005 because I had friends already in BCYC, and the slip was cheaper than St Pete Marina (then.) This club can be anything you want it to be. It is what you make it. I made it fun for me and all the people who like to do the things I like to do. I started out going to the meetings. I had been in sail clubs before. Sail clubs are all about the people and what they do together. You have to get to know the people before you can figure out what the club can become for you, so I set out to learn who everybody was. Lots of fine people! So many different people. Some I could identify with, others not so much. A pretty eclectic bunch. All kinds of people. People with spirit. Social people. Loners. Plenty of variety. Something for everybody. Something for me.

There's a question when you join. What are your interests? It's kind of like, why are you here? I put that I like racing, cruising and playing guitar. BCYC let me do all three and more - in ways I could never have imagined. I was already campaigning Shady Lady in local Regattas before I joined BCYC. The club races became good practice sessions for that. Shady Lady found a home at BCYC. She took on a life of her own! The cruises have always been fun. I want to do more of that. Playing guitar was something I really did just so I could sing. I like singing. BCYC let me sing, listened to me, let me get better at it. Boy, did that ever take on a life of its own. Now we have the Scallywags.

Ricci and I used to go to the WMNF New Year's Eve Bash every year. Now THAT's a wild eclectic bunch of people! One year Joye Swisher called me up and said we should have a low dough kick-back New Year's at BCYC. Maybe some of the old Windjammers and a few friends. The Windjammers is an old Clearwater sail club now defunct. Several old Windjammers are now BCYC people. Ricci and I accepted Joye's offer. There was some ritzy dress-up thing going on inside the clubhouse, but we weren't into that. So we made a fire out back and I brought my guitar. By the end of the evening all those people from inside came out to join us! Smiles, drinks, stories, songs and a fire. It was cold. We put away some booze. About 11:45 somebody said we should all put our remaining beers in a cooler, hoist it up on the old

club hoist, and shine flashlights on it and lower it down at midnight. Well, we were so kicked back by then that just sounded like the best idea in the world. Little did that bunch of drunks know we were starting a new BCYC tradition.

Little did I know I would end up being a singer in a rock and roll band. That evening, that tradition, those people, it all turned into something way more than anybody planned. It took on a life of its own. Over the years the musicians came out of the woodwork. First it was the Ibuprofen Band, and then it became the Scallywags of BCYC playing at other clubs, too. More than just New Year's.

Do plan on New Years with all your new friends and old at BCYC. That's special. You don't want to miss that. If you like live music where you can kick back and be yourself, BYO, no money, no dress up, you want to be at 'The Hootenanny.' Specially if you joined recently, or maybe you find yourself with more time to spend at BCYC, maybe life changes allow that. The HOOT is part of BCYC. It's a flavor of the pie that is BCYC. Maybe you need to be there. Your spirit will draw you. Listen to that. Be there. Be a part of something that took on a life of its own. You know who you are. Find yourself at the Hootenanny.

Shady Lady took on a life of her own. Races, cruises, Raft-ups, Flags. Wow. Shady Lady was the music boat a few times. The Raft Up took on a life, too. Still kickin. Where that goes, nobody knows. Shady Lady had so much fun over the years, I have to rebuild her now. Oh, all the stuff that works still works fine. I made sure of that. That'll keep ya busy. She just got her interior all used up. How often do you have to do all this varnishing stuff? Sheesh. It was just done in 1970. It looked fine then. What happened? I don't know what it is with boat builders these days. Ya know? Ya buy a boat, use the piss out of it, and 47 years later, the interior looks like hell. Can't they make a decent boat anymore?

So I'm all busy fixing her up. What else am I gonna do? I turn 64 tomorrow as I write this, and I got laid off last year from the best job I ever had. I'd like to keep Shady Lady but I kinda need paychecks to do that. I could go get another job but I'm not too keen on starting out as a 64yo grunt with no vacation. I was up to 5 ½ weeks! I want to enjoy my life. I got a lot of life to live. I don't need Shady Lady to have fun. I can have other boats. I can have a trailer boat that parks in my yard with no slip rent. I don't need paychecks for that. Shady Lady already gave me decades of memories. That doesn't go



away. I get to keep all the trophies, pictures, friends, stories, the reputation, the flags, all of it. I don't need the actual boat for that. If somebody else takes her on she can have a whole new life, and I get to keep everything she has given me. I get to keep my wife Ricci, who was drawn to me because I had Shady Lady. Ricci is not so sure about what comes next, but given the choice, she still says she wants me rather than Shady Lady. (whew) With a few tears, of course. I've explained that we can find new memories with a new-to-us boat, but she will need to see that for real. I'm sure of it. I've had so many boats. I had a boat called Loose Caboose. Actually I had two different Loose Caboosees. Each one took on a life of its own complete with memories, pictures, friends, stories, trophies. I know I can do it again.

But I'm not just selling a Cal 34. I'm selling Shady Lady. She's become something of a local legend. So many races, so many events. I'm giving her up, but she's not going easy. I know I'm putting way more time into her than she's worth monetarily, but it's about more than that. I have to pay her back for all the fun and memories. I could strip her out, sell all the gear, let her go cheap. And she might turn into another one of those sinking hulks anchored out there in the bay. I'd really hate to see that. I need somebody to buy Shady Lady, not just buy a venerable Cal 34. I would love to see her stay in BCYC. I wish somebody was ready to appreciate her for all she is. She's a Racer/Cruiser. You can do it all with that boat.

She once peeled off 150 miles under sail in 24 hours. I knew it was possible. I was hoping I would get a chance to do that one day. Finally it happened. We took 2nd Place in the Sarasota to Key West race doing that. We almost won. Shady Lady did win the Key West race several times. Once we started in Clearwater and there was no wind. That's a 225 mile race. Ricci wanted to go, but I didn't want to screw up our new relationship. I cautioned her that offshore racing, while having a dreamy appeal can be brutal. It's not for beginners. You can get your ass handed to you out there. And there is no just saying 'enough' when you are out of sight of land. You are committed. If it's nasty and you get sick you are miserable. And you can get hurt. She listened to me and drove down with the other shore support and Key West party crew.

We did our best, but by morning of the second day we were only just past Egmont Key. We were still looking at the skyway. And we still had so far to go. Almost 200 miles. We all had hotel reservations and there were

great parties in Key West, and it looked like there was no way any wind was gonna come from anywhere. I had my hot new girlfriend waiting for me there, ready to party. We were bobbing, a speck on the weather map, with this giant "H" right over us. That means no wind and little chance of it any time soon. We did the math. If we motored at full speed starting at 9AM, we would arrive in Key West just in time for the first party at noon the next day. 27 hours. Shady Lady can do that. What a range. I love it. What a boat. We voted. It was unanimous. Crank her up!

We put up all the awnings. After all, she is the Shady Lady. We got out the deck chairs, cranked up the tunes. Our party was on! On and on we motored. That diesel just purred and purred. And the water went by. We saw other boats still trying to race. They were parked. We left them all behind. Blew right by the fastest in the fleet. All day long we motored. And into the night. No wind. We were right. We were a Racer/Cruiser, and we flipped the switch from Racer to Cruiser. We were on a mission to get to that first Key West Party. The sun went down. The sky grew dark. There was a big moon. It was a lunar eclipse night! On and on we motored. Dolphins jumped and played, escorting us along. Then the eclipse happened. It was awesome. The moon went away and the stars came out. A sky full of stars. Wow! No clouds under the big "H." It was magical. The dolphins playing under our bow became multiply intertwined tubes of green light in the phosphorescence. What a sight. Then the moon came back and the stars faded. On we motored.

The sun came up to the tune of our diesel purr. Land Ho! We fetched the long channel into Key West. Lo and behold, a slight breeze came up just as we got up to Tank Island. I asked if the crew wanted to sail the last mile. Everybody said yes. Enough of that engine. So we put up our sails. We turned off the engine. That felt so good. I wondered if Ricci would be there at the finish line. We would fool her. She would think we were the first boat to finish. There were no racers anywhere near Key West. We left them all in our wake a LONG time ago and there had been no wind at all. I radioed the Race Committee and told them we were disqualified for motoring. They acknowledged. We sailed across the finish line. The RC gave us a horn to welcome us to Key West. Ricci was there. She saw us. She was ecstatic. She was jumping up and down, running along the sea wall yelling: 'Shady Lady! Shady Lady!' We got her. We were

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all laughing and waving. She wasn't in on it. She didn't know yet.

We pulled into the slip and Ricci came –running –down the dock. She did a cheer. She had the biggest smile. Her smile is so beautiful. The Race Committee had told her before we showed up that no boats had finished. She thought we were first to finish. We were all laughing. It was priceless. She was so pissed. I've got tears in my eyes right now as I write this, just to think of it again and tell this story. Whew! What a memory.

The RC welcome crew came around with special drinks and welcome gifts. We had a little dock party. Ricci cooled off and admitted it was a good joke. She laughed. We all laughed. We hugged. We made it to Key West for the first official party at noon. Our math worked. We were right. We had a live band, all these awesome hors de oeuvres, and great rum drinks in Key West. We were one of the only crews there. No lines. It was great. All we could eat. We didn't win the race but we won a great memory. Oh, do we ever have the memories. I don't need Shady Lady to have that.

Those memories are never going away. The people, the friends, the stories. I get to keep all that.

I need somebody to take over Shady Lady. It would be fabulous to see her stay in BCYC. It would be so cool to see somebody else take her and build all new memories. I'd like to hear the stories. That would be wonderful. I hope you are out there, whoever you are, the next owners of Shady Lady. I could sail with you, show you what she can do. It's all up to you, if you want to have that kind of fun. You know who you are. All you have to do is come forward and make that commitment. It could transform your life.

BCYC can transform your life. Build a memory. Start a rock band. Do sail school. Do a cruise or 47. Do a parade. Participate in a Clean-Up. Do work day. Fix up the club. Make it your own. Run an event. Help out with one. Do a dinner. Hold an office. You get out of BCYC what you put into it. Make some friends. Get to know some people better. Learn to race. Get better at it. Go to our sister club TSS. Go there. Do that. Get the T shirt. Be a part of something bigger than you. See ya 'round the club.

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Cat's Point Regatta: Boats Needed!

Submitted by Tony Angel

BCYC is famous for our hospitality.

The "Cats Point" Sea Scout games are nationally sanctioned by BSA. They are held on the first weekend in November each year (Nov. 3rd, & 4th.) They have become a talked-about event because of the support that our club gives the kids.

No other event in the U.S. provides "Yachts" for the Sea Scouts and their Advisers to sleep on during the regatta. We share our boats with high school scouts who have developed a passion to sail. Often these kids have never been on a sailboat larger than 16 ft. Our hospitality is one of the parts of this annual event that makes it special in scouting. This year we have fewer large boats in our club. Please participate and register your vessel for 2 nights of use by the kids if you can.



village the boat hands lived on Cat's Point and because they ate a lot of fish there was an abundant population of feral cats on the point.

Another part of the Cats Point games that is unique is the help of the Police and Fire Department. The police give us security between the two parts of the marina for scouts who need to use the portable toilets and the Fire Department supervise an evening of fire control education when the youth can fire a real flare and practice igniting hand held flares with proper supervision.

If you have out-of-date 12 gauge or hand-held flares that can be used in this part of the event, please bring them to a collection box that will be in the club beside the office door.



This event was named the Cats Point Regatta because it is a joint effort by the kids in the Eckert College Sea Scout Ship and us in Gulfport. "Cat's Point" is recorded on the old charts of Boca Ciega Bay as the name for the eastern shore that lies between our bay and Eckert College. It is now occupied by the attractive condominiums of Dolphin Cay. When Gulfport was a fishing

Between Races September Club Racing



Photo courtesy of Samantha Ring

From the Desk of Your Flag Officer

Submitted by Tony Angel

In August, a storm broke the anchor loose on **Calvin Matthews** boat sending it into Amazing Grace. Fortunately for both captains Samantha's anchors held but, Calvin Matthews couldn't be found to tend to his boat. **Mike**



Richardson saw the problem from the porch and motored into action to separate the boats without



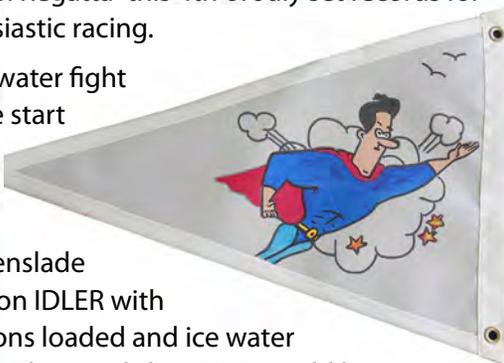
damage to either of them.

The "Good Ship Lollypop" Flag goes to Mike Richardson.

The "Dragon Anchor" flag goes to our Captain Matthews.

The "Gaboon Regatta" this 4th of July set records for over-enthusiastic racing.

During the water fight chaos at the start of the race Captain Charlie Greenslade



bore down on IDLER with water cannons loaded and ice water buckets full. The good ship ARIA would have struck IDLER squarely amidships but **Mike Richardson** jumped aboard IDLER and became a human "fender" earning the "Flying Fenderman" award.

Not since 2004 when the Commodore of the Hunter Club snagged a sensitive part of his crotch on a swim ladder cleat have we needed to call for an emergency medical evacuation from our Labor Day Raft up. This year's raft was particularly hazardous and the ambulances rolled in and out of BCYC twice to take two seasoned sailors for medical repair service.

Shortly after the raft was completed **Rodney Simovic** who was a guest on **Sanity Clause** showed symptoms of a heart attack. The scouts rushed a boat in, sped him to the EMTs who were waiting at the club and Rodney subsequently received a quadruple bi-pass and a new lease on life.

Mixer O'Keefe served the raft in the capacity of the "Draft-up Bartender". Dispensing alcohol in the hot Florida sun is a challenging job for any sailor.



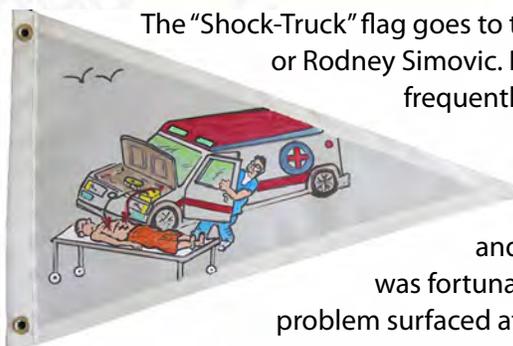
Captain O'Keefe donned a hot purple dive suit to complete his attire for this job.

The stress of dispensing draft beer for two hours was overwhelming. As he was loading his boat on her trailer at the end of the Raft-up, Mixer slipped on the ramp, struck his shoulder heavily, and passed out briefly—we called a second ambulance and shipped our purple bartender off for repair and maintenance.

The purple bartender's flag goes to Mixer O'Keefe.



The bloody raft-up flag goes to Sheri Ogorek, who finally got to hold a raft-up on raft-up weekend.



The "Shock-Truck" flag goes to the Rogers or Rodney Simovic. Rodney frequently works on boats in the water, and alone. He was fortunate that his problem surfaced at raft-up.

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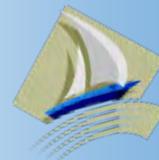
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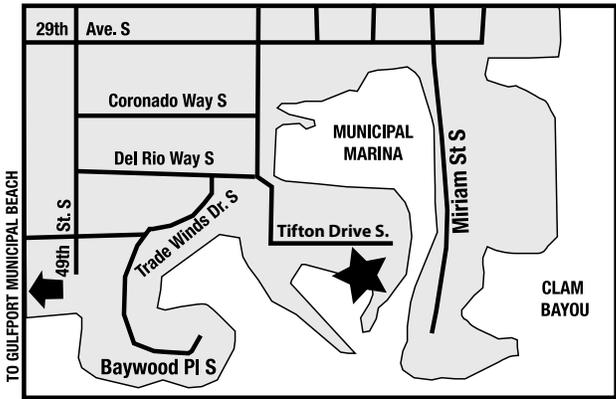
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