

# Windword

August 2017

September 2 & 3

## RAFT UP 2017 Bayou Bash

### Saturday

Captains meeting 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm (\$16.50)

Shrimp & Grits

Jambalaya

Praline Bread Pudding & more

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### Sunday

Raft Up 8 am-ish to 4:30 pm-ish

Prizes for best water float

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See you on the Bayou!



Raft Up artwork by Mike Oertle



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## Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Lee Nell, 2017 Commodore

As I have been absent for much of this period, I don't have much for the Commodore's Corner this time. Just to make you jealous, I've included a picture of the sunrise over Padanaram Harbor, on Buzzard's Bay. That view came into my bedroom window every morning it wasn't foggy



there. It's a really pretty little New England town, where Cary grew up. If you ever get the chance, you should go there.

I also have included a picture or two of our newly-painted building and sheds. If you haven't seen them yet, come on down to the club and have a look. They look so much better than they have for a long time.

Finally, you know we have issues with how we handle "stuff" in this area. The "poonamis" caused the City to close beaches, caused us to cancel our raft-ups, and now, according to at least one political commentator, is THE main issue in the upcoming St. Petersburg mayoral election. I'm sure there are a lot of jokes that could be made about it, but here's one that isn't very funny. Gulfport still does not know when the equipment will arrive so they can put our basin's pump-out back into service. Supposedly, the company's promises started over six weeks ago, and they have re-promised impending arrival periodically since then. As of the other day, however, Denis has no idea when the "big pump" we need will even get here. Then there's the installation. Like I said, not very

funny.

But come down and look at our buildings. They really look good.



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# August Birthdays

Deanna Agnello ..... August 3  
 Craig Frethem ..... August 8  
 William Miles ..... August 8  
 George Leonard ..... August 10  
 Lee Howell ..... August 11  
 Michael Livers ..... August 16  
 Lewis Brier ..... August 18  
 Todd Terrell ..... August 19

Karen Koser ..... August 20  
 Joel Heyne ..... August 21  
 Joey Dale ..... August 24  
 Tug Graves ..... August 24  
 Jody Ann Blodgett ..... August 25  
 Becky Gilmore ..... August 25  
 Janet Fox ..... August 27  
 Kathy Longacre ..... August 27  
 Nadine Smith ..... August 27  
 Peter Kvasnicka ..... August 28  
 Mike Collins ..... August 30



### Are we missing your birthday?

Please edit your member information in Wild Apricot or contact Trish Dale.

## BCYC Merchandise for Sale

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Our display case at the club gives you a sampling of items from our ever-changing inventory. They are available for purchase at monthly club meetings and at some work days and club events.

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and she will try to accommodate your schedule within reason.

We accept cash or checks only. Checks to be made payable to BCYC. Thank you and smooth sailing!

BCYC gear goes everywhere!

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



BCYC in Roxbury in the Catskills Mountains



# 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: Ruth Peterson, Joye Swisher, Annie Davidson, Lee Nell, Sheree Annen, Matt Maloy, Gerard Gaudry, Samantha Ring and Tony Angel.

**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](mailto:windword@sailbcyc.org)

**Wanted:** Would like to borrow a keelboat trailer once every 2 to 3 months for 1 day to pull Tanzer 22 swing keel sailboat for bottom scraping. Willing to compensate you with my labor or payment. Margaret, 727-873-0607 or [margiebebe@gmail.com](mailto:margiebebe@gmail.com).

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**For Sale:** West Marine SB-275 Wood Floor Inflatable Sportboat (Dinghy), 9 ft., 2-person. Includes two paddles. Made in France by Zodiac; 2008. Model Z24818. Registered in FL. \$500 or best offer.

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**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](mailto:ann.new44@gmail.com) or Ray at 727-557-5885 ([capray44@gmail.com](mailto:capray44@gmail.com)).

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## August 2017

		<b>1</b> Tuesday Night Racing (every Tues 5pm)	<b>2</b> Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Regatta Pointe Cruise 9 am
<b>6</b> Regatta Pointe Cruise Sunset/Full Moon Rise Sail Out 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> Board Meeting 7:30	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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## Gaboon Race Report

Submitted by James Masson

It was an overcast day, thick with humidity and tension. The skippers had gathered together, exchanging furtive glances, sizing up the opposition, to get instructions for the upcoming battle. Each was wondering if their crew were ready, their weapons good enough, were they up to the challenge. Four crews gathered that fateful day. The Gaboon Race is not for the faint of heart; each combatant would be challenged, sometimes beyond what they could endure. There could only be one conqueror.

The Gaboon Race is like no other. The competitors first must test their mettle against the indifferent sea, risking life, limb and a case of dysentery, swimming from the committee boat, provided by Captain Nemo Nell, to their respective anchored war craft. Staggered start times were used to minimize chaos as each craft weighed anchor, to no avail. Cool Hand Bill Morse watched helplessly as not one but two boats attempted to bisect Idler. And then they were off.

A short windward leg brought our competitors to the battle field, four beam reach laps around set marks. Each pass of another competitor a test of skill, strength, and stamina as they drenched one another with torrents of water, sometimes icy. Lynda "I thought this was a motorboat race" and Robert "We don't need no stinking motor" Calvillo battled bravely aboard Fantasea. Captain Richard Slick Sandbar sailed through the fleet gamely taking on each boat that they passed. Cool Hand Bill Morse and Idler gave as well as they took, but it was the large crew of Gentleman Chuck Greenslade's Aria that dominated all.

At the end of the battle, worn and exhausted, each crew and ship were then asked to go even farther. Sail back to the starting line and finish going backwards. First fleet Sea Hawk and Captain Richard Slick Sandbar attempted and barely made it. Gentleman Chuck Greenslade and Aria were next and did an admirable job. Cool Hand Bill Morse and the crew of Idler could have shown Admiral Nelson how it's done executing a perfect backward finish.

The competition was subjectively judged in four areas: race finish, battles won, spirit shown, and miscellaneous. The grand championship of the universe went to Aria followed by Idler and then the very gamey Sea Hawk.

A fun time was had by all!



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## August Rhumb Runner Report

Submitted by Barb Meyer Captain  
RR Sailing/Racing Co-Chair

I want to thank the Rhumb Runners, Sea Scouts and BCYC club members who participated in the Gulfport July 4th Parade. It was short notice for Lisa Glaser and myself to pull this off as the new Activity Co-Chairs, but



we made it happen thanks to all. It was mainly for our Commodore who walked and wore a "boat." How could you say "no there is not enough time"? it was worth seeing that! Steve Conn was appropriately dressed too.

We had two decorated floats, and thanks to Russ and Melissa for putting together the wearable boats! Lesson learned when you think you have enough candy and necklaces...you don't! Note to self: buy more next year.

In preparation for the upcoming sailing season the RR's, along with Tony Angel and other club members, cleaned out the Sunfish Shed for July workday. We made fast work of it and Tony did really good throwing stuff out. There is more to be done, especially to



the sails and hulls, but this is a work in progress and I'm confident it will happen.

Florida Women's Sailing Association interclubs and championship regattas will be starting up soon. As of this writing the first interclub is hosted by the Dingy Dames on October 10th for prams and Sunfish. 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 hope to have a team ready to enter this regatta.

The night of Mermaid Crown making has been changed to September 8th. Joye Swisher and Lisa Glaser, along with Sheree Annen, will be leading the class. The fee is \$25.00. Club members and guest are welcome to join us. Please RSVP by September 1st. More info to follow.

Dates for the Pram day and Sunfish day are August 26th and 27th. For more information please see page 10. This open to all, but please RSVP by August 23rd.

Our Fall Sunfish/Pram series runs September 10th through November 12th. The series will have five races on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. First signal is at 11AM.

Cathy Talisman and Dianne Benedetti, hosts for the September covered dish, have selected "Under the Sea" as their theme so we can wear our Mermaid Crowns. As a fundraiser, RR's are going to have a silent auction during the cocktail hour. Fill your pockets with cash that night! We need your support!

RR's are the hosts for the October covered dish with a new leader, Lisa Glaser. Think Halloween fun! There is a 50/50 planned for that night too so bring more cash! One of the reasons for our fundraising is that we have a dream to one day personally own racing sails and rigging for at least five Sunfish. Another RR goal is to contribute to a scholarship for young women sailors.

We hope BCYC women who have expressed interest in the past will join us again and be a part of making this a successful women's group. We have introduced a new annual commitment form that is to be returned to Joye Swisher by the August club weekend. If you did not receive one, there are hard copies located on the club bulletin board.

A final note: the Rhumb Runners will host the 2018 Women's Challenge Regatta on April 28th. On the water race course will be run by Mark Rother. Cathy Talisman will chair the meal and of course there will be art work as awards, but look for some changes.

# More July 4th Parade Photos



## Surf's UP! July Covered Dish

Kathy Longacre and Gary Rhoads knocked it out of the park with their first covered dish dinner. An absolutely delicious shrimp boil and some classic surfer movies had everyone smiling. Thanks guys - can't wait until you do another one!



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## July Cruise

Submitted by Stand-in Cruise Chair Richard "Capt. Sandbar" Walters

The July cruise was originally planned to go to Regatta Pointe but the night before Samantha informed Capt. Sandbar, who was filling in for John and Susan, that the pool might be closed for resurfacing. It was verified so we shifted gears and called up Julie Harris at Little Harbor. Luckily for us a fishing tournament was winding down and slips would come available when we arrived in the afternoon. After the captains meeting many were ready to head out, but a black storm came over the marina with lightning and heavy rain. Most of us just waited it out till it passed and figured we would catch the sea breeze later in the day.

The wind was on vacation Saturday, so we blow boaters envied the power boat members. Doug and Rhonda (Relax'n) and Tom and Nancy (Nanneu 1) swiftly motored over and arrived first. Gerard and Patricia Gaudry (Ceilidh) with Susan Starr got to Little Harbor ahead of Imagine, captained by Annie Davidson, with Todd and Bethany as crew. Seahawk with Capt. Sandbar and Dianne hit the Little Manatee channel marker shortly after.

Gerard was a bit unsure of the entry, so he called up the hotel office and talked to a bubbly young lady that told him to favor the reds as you round the point just past the beach. He quickly found out that was not good advice and grounded Ceilidh at the turn. The young lady at the office must have thought he had asked her what type of wine she preferred. Imagine was a bit off the channel and Seahawk hailed them with the air horn.

Seahawk started past the beach and noticed a mast sticking up in the air at the narrow turn around the point. Slowing down to be cautious, we found out it was Gerard and crew with a few fishing boats trying to pull Ceilidh off. It's too narrow to turn around at that



point so we were committed. Luckily the motor boats gave us some room to thread the needle. Looking over at Gerard and company with regret, there was nothing we could do but wave; and devise a devious plan to notify Tony.

Once Imagine and Seahawk were safely in the slip, we all were wondering how to help Gerard. Annie, Bethany, Todd, and Sandbar walked down to the beach to assess the situation. Back at the pool, Bethany said we needed to snag a fisherman with a boat to take the crew off of Ceilidh to wait for a high tide. Sandbar was going to ask around, but Bethany stated she could capture a fishing crew with a boat a lot faster than he could. Of course there was no debate over that, and Bethany was soon heading out to rescue Gerard and crew.

Once back at the pool we realized the next high tide wasn't till 4am and then another at around 1pm the next day. Gerard was on the phone with Sea Tow, who was a bit unclear as to when they were going to arrive. Then Sandbar went out with Gerard and Patricia to try to set an anchor and pull the boat off the shoal, but it was almost low tide. We had no dinghy to set an anchor, so Sandbar treaded water, barely keeping his head above water, to set an anchor out with a chain rode into the channel.





The good and the ugly

Gerard pulled the anchor in as tight as possible, but we realized there was no moving the boat until the next high tide. An orange life vest and a string of white LED

lights were used to decorate the rode to mark the navigational hazard. We finally all met up with the rest of the crews at the restaurant, who were quite ahead of us with boat drinks and entrees. We had some catching up to do. Both the Fullers and Tom and Nancy were gracious to put up the crew of Ceilidh for the night.

The next morning we waited till after the overpriced brunch was over to order from the more reasonable lunch menu that started at 11am. Gerard had contacted Sea Tow for a 1pm rendezvous at the point. The rest of the boats headed back to BCYC and as Seahawk left the channel we looked back with the binoculars and could see that Gerard had freed himself without the help of Sea Tow.

The wind was great going back, so overall it was a great cruise weekend. I'm sure Gerard now knows to talk to the dock master for local navigation knowledge.

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## How To Look Up The Wind Like A 21st Century Sailor

*The 20 second method of looking up winds while still on shore.*

By Dan Chesnut

Some of us are quite good at looking at the water from shore and getting a pretty good idea of the winds over our sailing area. In the 21st century, there is a powerful way to make the same determination about winds before you even make the drive to your sailboat.

Some sailors have discovered apps and websites that provide a wind reading. These are impressive looking sources that leave one to think, "I asked for the wind speed for here. It is telling me the wind for here. It must be right."

I am here to tell you that they are not right. They are only impressive looking. The problem is that there are only a handful of wind gauges in the area that are any good, and almost all of those have wind shadow issues due to interference from nearby structures. In this case, the 21st century lets us down.

There is only one way that any sailor – or meteorologist – worth their salt would use the internet to determine the winds "out there", on the water: By using an "array" of known, reliable wind gauges. By far the best source of such an array is the website SailFlow.

Go to the SailFlow "Wind Observations" page and select a view that includes the area from Egmont Key up to Clearwater. Focus on the winds shown on the map I've shown here (the ones in the "array"), and filter out of your thoughts all the other stations. They do not consistently provide wind readings useful for sailors.

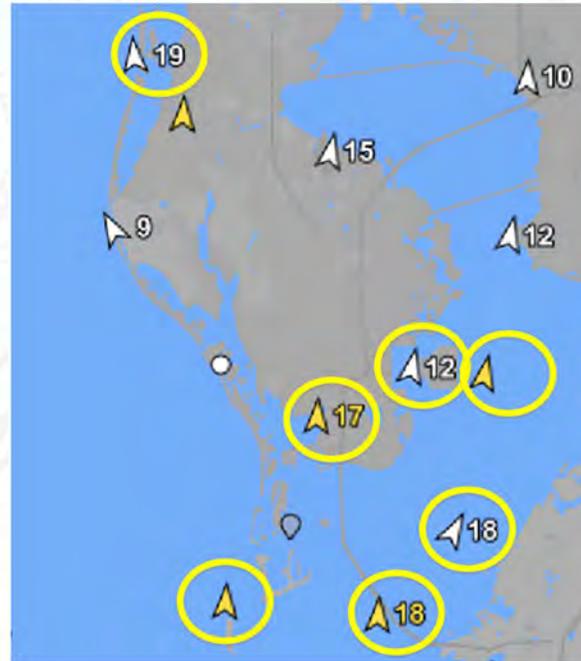
From this information, determine a range of wind speeds and that is almost always going to be the winds over open water. For example, if Clam Bayou, Middle Tampa Bay, Whitted, and Clearwater Pier all show that the winds are south at 5-7 kt, then the winds over open water on the bay also will be south 5-7 kt.

The beauty of it is that there are only two major kinds of wind flows: Large scale flows across the state, and fully developed sea breezes. In either case, these flows are pretty consistent over a large area, so knowing the flow at the "array" stations will usually be the same where you want to go sailing. For me this is just common sense, but I've also gone out on the water with a wind gauge and painstakingly confirmed it.

Naturally, winds are sometimes in a state of change, so some common sense is needed for those times when the flow data online is not consistent.

From work or home, I've been able to tell in moments (20 seconds or less) if the winds are too little, too much, or just right for my sailing plans, saving me from unnecessary drives, or giving me confidence that when I arrive at BCYC the winds will make for good sailing.

Fair winds!



*The "Array", from top to bottom:*

*Clearwater Pier, Whitted (downtown St. Pete), J Cut marker, Clam Bayou, Middle Tampa Bay, Egmont, Skyway.*

*Notes:*

- *Zoom in on the interactive map to make the "Whitted" station visible, or else you'll only see the unreliable "St. Pete Pier" station, located inside Bayboro Harbor.*
- *Use common sense when interpreting these readings. The stations on shore all have wind shadows from certain wind directions.*
- *The government stations are white, and can have significant delays in posting.*
- *The WeatherFlow stations are amber, and have almost no delay in posting.*
- *The WeatherFlow stations (SailFlow) do not all show a wind speed all the time. To get those wind speeds all the time, you will need a modest subscription, like I now have.*



TAMPA BAY

# June and July Workdays

Photos by Matt Maloy



More Work Day next page >>



## Don Can Fix It!

*Yes he can!*

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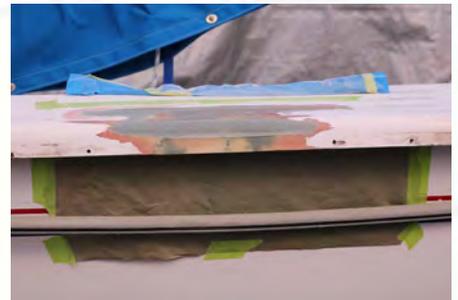
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Ed Mitchell has been repairing the damage to the Catalinas at no cost to the Scouts or BCYC. Beautiful job, Ed; and a generous thing to do.



## From the Archives

Submitted by Capt. Richard "Sandbar" Walters, Historian

As some of you know, I have been baiting our members at the recent meetings that we had a significant criminal activity in our history that I would unfold in this month's article. But you will have to wait a bit longer, because I want to focus on the other 99.9% of the good work done by our founding members who through a lot of sweat and tears built a yacht club that we are still proud of today.

Our original monthly newsletter was a one page hand typed letter called the Gas 'N Wind. It was always signed as "the Staff" and covered important issues of the club. Back then no pictures were included. The newsletter from May 1966 speaks about the club receiving the final approval to start dredging the basin

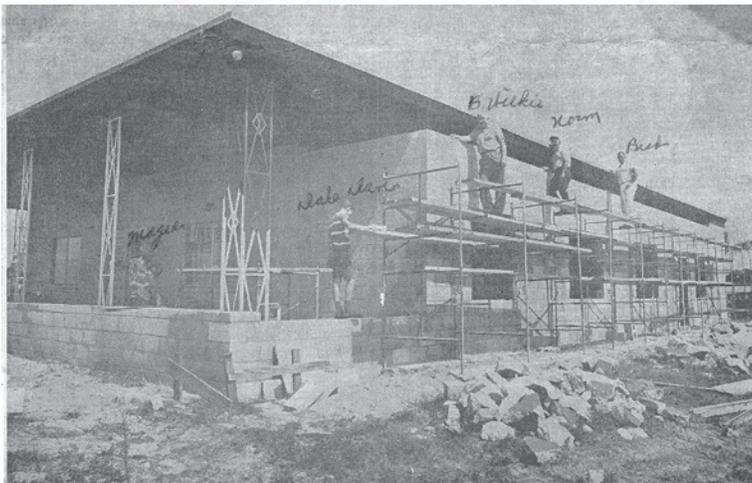


Porch Addition 1965

extension being erected, with some of the members up on scaffolding. It's amazing the amount of concrete block that was laid back then to provide the club with additional storage space and a larger galley. The new yacht basin and other building improvements were completed in 1967, after only two years of leasing the

property from the City of Gulfport. On April 16, 1967 a dedication ceremony was put on to commemorate this huge accomplishment. The previous year's Commodore W.C. "Bud" Peterson and new Commodore Fred Bergman, along with Gulfport Mayor-elect William Jopson, were present along with many members and news agencies. We had 48 new slips, a comfortable clubhouse, and a new power hoist. Jim Willcockson, a board member, had the honor of driving a gold spike into the new dock on the north side. Wonder what ever happened to that gold spike?

While thinking about gold, I'm wondering if I've made you wait long enough to hear about the historical criminal behavior of the club.



Yacht Club Builds Additional Quarters

Workers are busy constructing an addition to the new quarters of the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in Gulfport. The club — formerly known as the Sunshine City Boat Club — recently moved to Gulfport and held its first meeting there last night. The new name and plans for the upcoming Veterans Day Regatta in November were discussed at the meeting.

—Independent Photo by Weaver Trigg

East side addition (St Pete Independent circa 1965)

from both Pinellas County and the State of Florida; then getting final confirmation from the U.S. Corps of Engineers to start the project. The most influential member to spearhead and make this finally happen was Bud Petersen. "Few people will ever know how much time has been given by your Commodore, Bud Peterson, to put this project through. It took letters and personal trips to various county and state departments, as well as the engineers, and believe me, you have to know all the answers when you deal with all these departments" – The Staff.

This month I have included a picture of the east wall



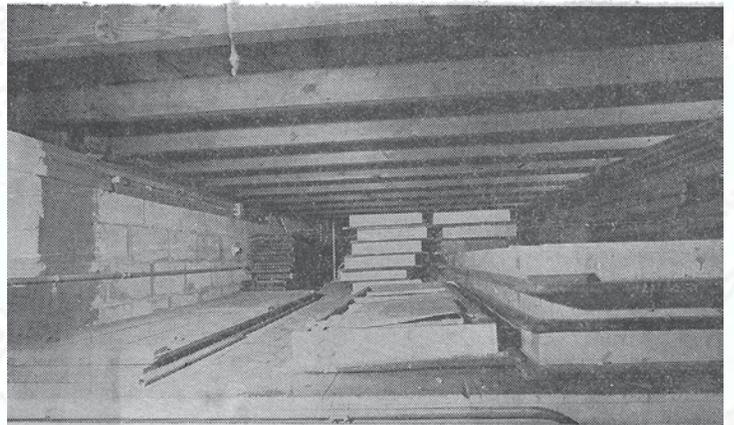
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We had a past corresponding secretary of the club who was a decent forger; just not a smart crook. On April 11th, 1966, Floyd Wakeford dressed in his postal uniform, took a forged U.S. Treasury check for \$98,600, and commenced to have it converted to \$50 and \$20 dollar bills at the Citizens National Bank. He walked out of the bank with a big bag of cash but was fingered later by Wallace E. Morris, a guard at the bank. Wakeford cut off his mustache before the arraignment, but that didn't throw Morris off from identifying him in the courtroom. But what dragged the good name of BCYC into the spotlight was where Wakeford hid the cash.

Wakeford split up the cash in many locations and decided that no one would look in the dusty dirty loft of the clubhouse. Federal agents, having not yet found the majority of the hidden money, pounced upon the



—Staff Photo

### Club Loft Yields \$30,000

A canvas bag with \$30,000 was found yesterday in this loft at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in Gulfport. A deputy marshal said the bag was found at the front of the loft near the stacked table tops. Federal authorities, who recovered the cash, said it is part of a \$98,600 forged check. Floyd Wakeford is charged in the forgery.

yacht club after finding out he was the corresponding secretary. Deputy Marshall Mitchel Newberger said the money was inside a bag in a small cardboard box covered by a boat sail. A note, "spare sail," was on the bag. Inside the box authorities found six packages — each containing \$5000 — in \$20 bills with Citizens National Bank bands.

\$30,000 is a really nice spare sail! Wakeford wasn't even smart enough to hide it thoroughly. The bag was found a few feet from the entrance to the loft near a stack of tables.

So we always joke about the treasurer getting a new truck when they take the position — but it might be the secretary we have to keep an eye on.

Keep making history!

### \$30,000 Cash Recovered In Loft Of Yacht Club Linked To Wakeford Case

Times Bureau

TAMPA — More than \$35,000 out of \$98,600 issued by the Citizens National Bank on a forged U.S. Treasury check has been recovered, federal authorities reported yesterday.

Charges against Floyd Wakeford of St. Petersburg have been filed in the case. Wakeford is charged with forging and cashing the check.

A green canvas bag containing \$30,000 was found 2:30 p.m. yesterday by federal authorities in a loft at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in Gulfport, where Wakeford is a member.

Deputy Marshal Mitchel Newberger said the money was inside the bag in a small cardboard box covered by a boat sail. A note, "spare sail," was on the bag. Inside the box authorities found six packages — each containing \$5,000 — in \$20 bills. The bag was located a few feet from the entrance to the loft and near a stack of table tops, Newberger said.

This cash plus \$10,000 located in a safety deposit box and \$15,000 spent for Series E Savings bonds totals \$55,000, the sum recovered.

McGOWAN SAID a stock certificate for 80 shares of a security has been located and it was valued at about \$1,000. Also found were some other loose bills, but it is not certain that these are part of the missing money.

Wakeford is being held on \$100,000 bond on the charges. A hearing scheduled yesterday on reduction of the bond was postponed at the request of defense attorneys.



FLOYD WAKEFORD  
... hearing postponed.

According to postal officials who have filed the charge against Wakeford, the postal employee drove to the Citizens National Bank, handed guards a government check and drove off with the money in \$50 and \$20 bills.

In a preliminary hearing earlier this week, Wakeford was identified by a bank guard and an employee at another bank who said she sold some bonds to the defendant.

A FRIEND of Wakeford's also testified that the accused man asked for permission to use his safety deposit box and later authorities found a package in the box — \$10,000 in \$50 bills.

The next proceeding in the case will be before U.S. District Judge Joseph P. Lieb where Wakeford will either enter a plea or demand a Grand Jury investigation. If Wakeford waives the Grand Jury probe he can be indicted on a direct information and enter a plea immediately.

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## From the Desk of Your Flag Officer

Submitted by Tony angel

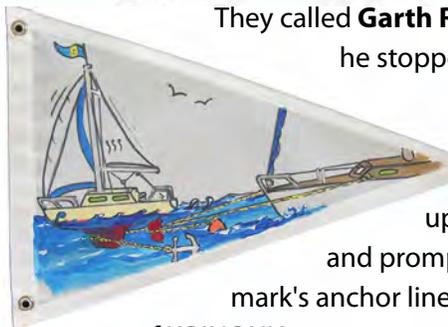
Our **Annie Davidson** chose to welcome the TSS boats on the water and to show a sail school student how to short tack at the same time.

The porch committee reports that the boats coming in while Annie was tacking to leave might have been OK. The amusement occurred when her little 16 ft. day sailer tried to tack across the bow of Len Berkstresser's 36 ft. Catalina. The big boat throttled back, lost steerage and drifted sideways in the fairway.

Later a distress call came in and Capt. Berkstresser untied and took his boat out to tow a disabled 34 ft. TSS cruiser in. When he rounded the turn to re-enter our marina he found himself and his tow right on top of Annie and her student as they returned from their sail. Well, Annie deserves some kind of an award for her efforts to teach short tacking and the big boat rule to her students.

The June club races ended with a CLUSTER F—lag!

When the last race was over the committee boat looked for the start/finish mark and spotted it trailing behind **KOINONIA**.

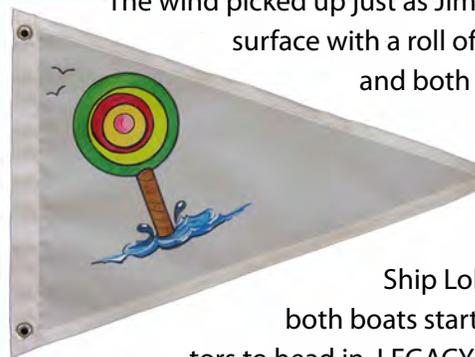


They called **Garth Reynolds** and he stopped the boat, shifted into reverse to pick up the marker and promptly wound the mark's anchor line into the prop of **KOINONIA**.

Garth threw out his anchor when the engine stopped. **Dave Roberts** on **LEGACY** saw the plight that Garth was in and he pulled his boat along beside **KOINONIA**. Dave cut his engine and dropped and

anchor also. **LEGACY** then let out line to drop back hoping to be able to work things loose with a boat hook.

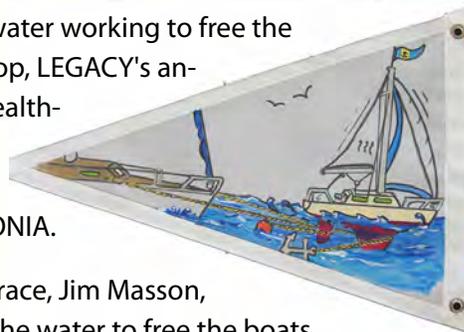
The boat hook approach didn't work so well and an afternoon thunder storm was approaching so **JIM MASSON** dove off of **LEGACY** and went to work unwrapping the finish mark from the rudder and prop.



The wind picked up just as Jim came to the surface with a roll of shredded lines and both crews yelled an applause for the man who definitely earned a Good Ship Lollypop Flag. As both boats started up their motors to head in, **LEGACY** found that they could not pull their anchor up from under **Garth Reynolds's** troublesome boat.

In boating things that can go wrong will!

The wind had shifted and both boats did too. While Jim was under water working to free the line from the prop, **LEGACY's** anchor line had stealthily wrapped around the rudder of **KOINONIA**.



The hero of the race, Jim Masson, dove back into the water to free the boats before the storm struck and both **LEGACY** and **KOINONIA** earned the Cluster Flag.

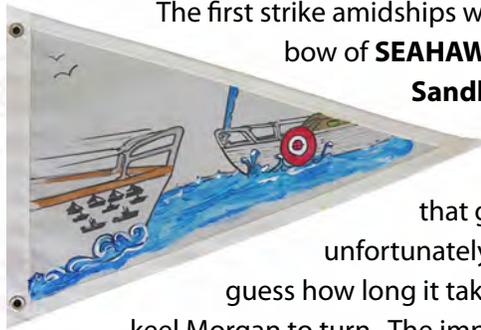


The "Gaboon Regatta" this 4th of July set records for over-enthusiastic racing. In 42 years of sailing **Bill & Bessie Morse** have never had to fend off **TWICE** from competitors that appeared to "T-Bone" poor

**IDLER.**

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The first strike amidships was by the bow of **SEAHAWK**. **Captain Sandbar** allowed one of the crew to pilot that good boat and unfortunately no one can guess how long it takes a 1968 full keel Morgan to turn. The impact was light and no damage was done but SEAHAWK has a new flag.

flag.

Minutes after SEAHAWK cleared the side of IDLER, **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

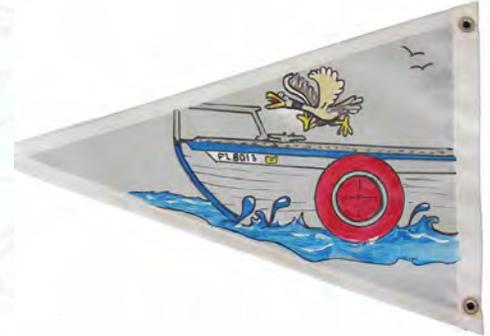


and became a human "fender" earning the "Flying Fenderman" award.

As for Captain Greenslade—no impact no flag.

Captain Bill Morse and Bessie get

two scary maritime flags for the memories.



## Tuesday Night Racing

What, no flags?



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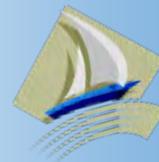
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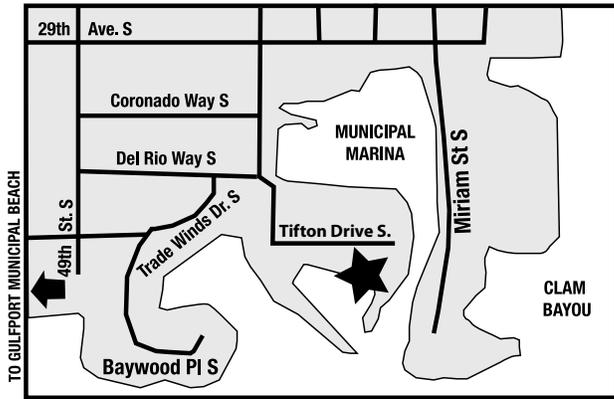
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