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Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Larry Brown, 2018 Commodore

Onward and upward!

Well, before we get to the positives of the year so far and all the fun things I can see happening I just want to remind everyone that we BCYCers tend to think of our fellow members as friends and even family. Maybe this can cloud our judgement. After all, I know a lot of brothers and sisters who love each other yet seem to figure out how to get one another's goat from time to time. So I just want to remind everyone that although we love having everyone aboard, we need to remember to respect one another. We are our club's best assets.

So, how about some cool stuff? Well, you know all this talk about racism in the country these days? I want to see more acts of kindness in that area. I want to show the country we aren't turning the clocks back 60 years or further. We learned the lessons from the past and Martin Luther King is probably the best one to learn from. We celebrated his birthday with the MLK Day of Service. The people at the cleanup day were from different walks of life and there was a beautiful speech by State Representative Rouson that was quite moving. People fought with the brisk morning and were showing up in honor of Dr. King. BCYC was there too pledging to do our part.

Since we're the boating people we are, we again took on Clam Bayou this year. We hunched over and made our way down between the mangroves seeking out the refuse mankind has been unleashing on our shorelines. We got bags and bags full of trash. We also had the safety boat out on the water picking up things from the other side of the mangrove lines. In honor of my fellow workers who braved the chilly air I would like to commend Lee Nell, Garth Reynolds, Larry Allen, Steve Honor, Mark and Laura Ratcliffe, Janice Murphy, Pat Nolan, & Asa and Phong Long for their help. I think I got everyone. As chilly as it was, it still felt good to put a good dent in the cleanup effort.

On another great note we have a new list coming up of renovations for the club. It is really exciting stuff and the first workday of the year took a bite out of the list up front. As part of that we are clearing the way for the new deck on the East side where pavers are destined to be placed. We have a lot of great ideas and bids are being gathered for the deck. We have 3 out of the 6 we want (3 for pavers and 4 for the roof). There is also talk of improving

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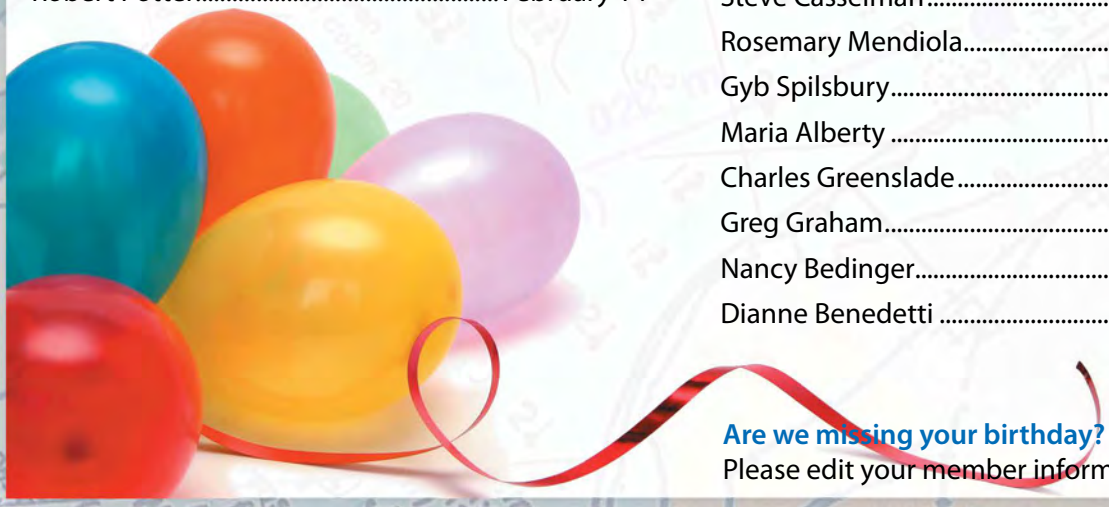
February Birthdays

Jamie Doherty	February 1
Mary McKey	February 1
Guy O'Connor	February 3
Carolyn Nell	February 5
Deborah Frethem	February 6
Mike Richardson	February 6
Demetrius Kanellitsas	February 10
Chuck Turner	February 10
Robert Potter	February 14
Kelli Walker	February 15
Alex Lindsay	February 15
Camille Dodson	February 17
Judith Woodruff	February 17
David Koser	February 17
Steve Casselman	February 19
Rosemary Mendiola	February 20
Gyb Spilsbury	February 20
Maria Alberty	February 21
Charles Greenslade	February 22
Greg Graham	February 23
Nancy Bedinger	February 23
Dianne Benedetti	February 26



Are we missing your birthday?
Please edit your member information in Wild Apricot.

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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.

Please text, call or email Patty Tishuk at 727-488-4167 (ptishuk@gmail.com) 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.

Merchandise Chair Patty Tishuk gets a well-deserved recognition at the Hoot from Outgoing Commodore Lee Nell for her hard work getting us the best BCYC shirts, hats, coats, totes and more …everything a club could wish for.

Thanks to Our Photographers!

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

This month's contributors are: Joye Swisher, Susan McQuillan, Matt Maloy, Picot Floyd, Paula Shur, Ruth Peterson, Cathy Talisman and James Masson.

Thanks to you all!

REMINDER: BCYC BOATUS Group Discount

BCYC's Group number is GA80544Y. When renewing, please add this to your statement to receive $15 Membership dues, plus 10% off on-the-water towing services.

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: 2001 Hunter 260 sailboat with 2016 9.9 HP Yamaha 4-stroke outboard. $16,900.00. VHF radio, Garmin depth finder/chart plotter, propane stove, gas grill. Great condition and excellent for sailing skinny water. Walker Bay 8 dinghy included in the price. John Haugen 727-623-0524.

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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm)	1	2	3 February Cruise Seafood Shack Just north of Cortez bridge
4 February Cruise Seafood Shack	5 Board Meeting 7:30	6	7	8	9	10
11 Rhumb Runners Spring/Summer Race Series 9:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16 General Meeting 8pm	17 Work Day 8:30 am Rhumb Runners 11 am Pot luck Dinner 6 pm
18 Spring/Summer PHRF Racing Series Skipper Mtg 11 am	19	20	21 Windword Deadline	22	23	24
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March 2018

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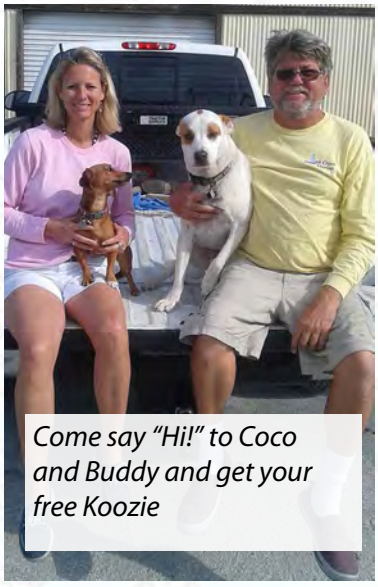

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Welcome!

January New Members

Terri Johnson & Jim Bartlett

Boat: none

Nils Mantzoros &
Amanda Maull

Boat : Catalina 21ft
Name: Cool Breeze

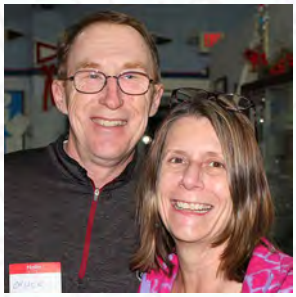
Rosemary & Rocky Mendiola

Boat: None

Debbie Roberto

Boat: None

Charlotte & Chuck Turner



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the music system to make it more user friendly. That's something that's been discussed since I've been a member so I'm looking forward to making that so. I want to thank Marty Southard and Paul Stiffler for their work on a very lengthy list of ideas that we merged with the long range plan and some items Garth had on his agenda. Things are going to be looking up!

Well, farewell for now. Just keep in mind we can use everyone's help so please come to the general meetings and work day!

Your Commodore with the most common name,
Larry Brown

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On the premise that "It's better late than never", we offer, with our apologies for the omission in the January issue, the ever-popular and long-awaited …

12 Days of BCYC Christmas Lyrics 2017

Many people wanted to know the lyrics for the 2017 BCYC Twelve Days of Christmas.

The gifts we received from our true love were:

A daiquiri in my dingy

Two Anchors dragging

Three Dead batteries

Four Folks for rail-meat

Five Cold Wet Butts

Six Expired flares

Seven High speed dockings (then yell crunch)

Eight Clipped channel markers

Nine Snagged crabtraps

Ten Volts for starting

Eleven Sunken cellphones

Twelve Knots of beam wind

That's a total of 78 gifts we have to send thank you cards for.

The guilty parties who came up with the gift ideas were Cathy Talisman, Steve Honor, and Guy O'Connor.

We're still waiting for the credit card bill to see what these gifts cost us. We're also waiting for the lab report from Quest Diagnostics.

But we all know what BOAT really stands for, now don't we? The rest will probably get better all on its own.

Karen Wacker did a beautiful job of singing "Santa Baby", Marilyn Monroe version / style, composed by Joan Javits, originally sung by Eartha Kitt, written 1953. Karen really does have a beautiful voice.

Richard Walters and Guy O'Connor also performed (loose definition of performed please) Adam Sandlers', "Hanukah Song", written 1994.

The Twelve Days of Christmas has been placed as early as 1558 / France / anonymous. Published in England in 1780. The current arrangement by composer Frederic Austin, England, 1909.

Our most recent bastardization of the 12 occurred 12/09/2017. Hope Fred can take a joke, 'cuz if he can't, well… we know the answer to that too, now don't we?

Submitted in mirth from by berth. Guy s/v The Rachel.

PS. Best fake news of the boat parade has been refuted and denied by Jim Meyer. The Honorable Judge, Jury, and Flag Officer Anthony Angel presiding over the case. Gossip is strictly prohibited, nudge nudge wink wink.

And not to be outdone…

How to know you're a BCYC sailor, From the Master of Ceremonies at the Installation Banquet (aka Capt Sandbar)

If your fiance lets you buy a racing jib instead of a ring…you might be a BCYC sailor

If you have three rolls of duct tape as your first aid kit…you might be a BCYC sailor

If you have a beer can crusher mounted to your mast…you might be a BCYC sailor

If you have at least one broken boat part in your car…you might be a BCYC sailor

If you take two days to decorate your boat for the boat parade and two months to take them off… you might be a BCYC sailor

If you gauge men by their boat size and not…you might be a BCYC sailor

If you think women look "hot" in foul weather gear… you might be a BCYC sailor

If you limit your crew's race gear at the regatta but not beer or ice… you might be a BCYC sailor

If you think rum is the official state drink…you might be a BCYC sailor

If your car's hood ornament is the top of a sailing trophy…you might be a BCYC sailor

BCYC sailor? Ya THINK so?!

Sea Scouts take a Magical Journey Inland

Submitted by Ruth Peterson

"Going back in time, magical, adventurous, memorable, educational, fun, and awesome!," were some of the words scouts used to describe their experience at the Forty Seventh Alafia River Rendezvous in Homeland, Florida.

The weekend of January 20th-21st, our Sea Scouts docked their boats and traveled inland to participate in the pre 1840's primitive encampment rendezvous. In preparation, they spent several weekends and Wednesday evenings creating their period correct costumes. If you happened to be around the club, you would have witnessed both the guys and gals reconstructing modern clothing to take on an "OLD LOOK". Plastic buttons either disappeared completely or were replaced with wood buttons. Zippers and some pockets had to go. Collars were sewn down. The fronts of shirts were sewn shut. String or leather was laced into holes punched into the fabric as replacements. The waist of pants and skirts were reinvented and hemp drawstrings were added to secure the apparel. One scout even cut out his own duck cloth britches and sewed them, totally by himself, on my Pfaff sewing machine! How many teens do you know who would spend their free time personally converting modern clothing into historical style clothing?

Though we camped in the "Modern" section, we still slept in tents, chopped wood, dug a deep fire pit and cooked our meals on a grill. The fire pit was reserved for fun conversation, making s'mores and keeping warm!

A short walk through the woods, across a narrow wooden bridge over a creek and we entered the magical world of pre 1840's life. Imagine viewing real teepees and canvas living quarters for the first time. EVERYONE became a part of the experience.

The encampment is laid out with dirt/grass covered lanes to form a mini village covering much of a 600 acre piece of property. Along the Fulbright Commons, vendors hawk their goods. Treasure included handmade jewelry, leather items, multiple wood items, pottery and iron works among others. I ran out of time before I ran out of possibilities. "Restaurant owners" sold delicious fares. One of my choices was an Elk burger. The scouts' fan favorite was buying a blue Doo Dan Dew bottle filled with either root beer or lemonade! Free refills brought them back frequently. Burrito Bill would step out on the Common and beat on a pan when he had a batch of his yummy goods were ready for sell. You had to be close by or you'd likely miss out!

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Photos by Ruth Peterson

2017/18 Hootenanny

Photos submitted by Susan McQuillan

Watch for Historian Richard Walter's *History of the Hoot,* coming next fall in the Windword.

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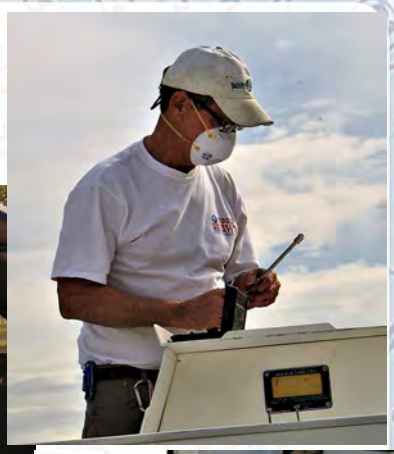
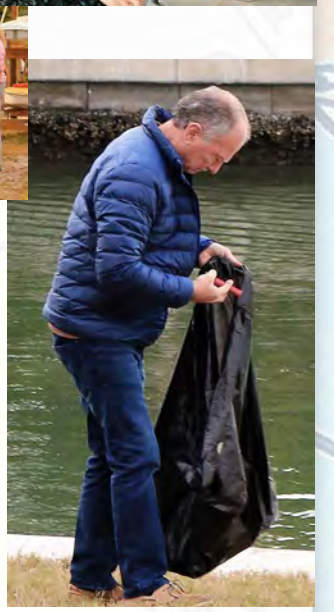
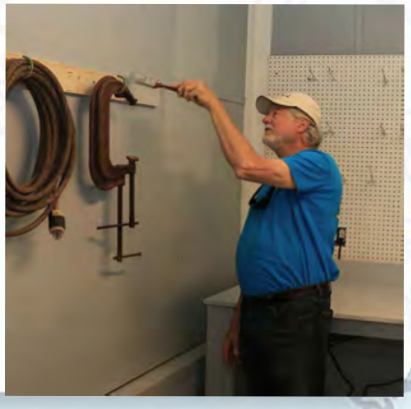
More photos from the Hoot

January Workday

Photos submitted by Matt Maloy...and Susan McQuillan







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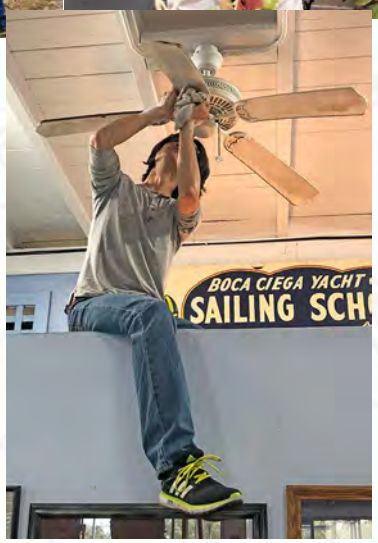
More January Workday Photos



PITY PARTY

Saturday, Feb 17th
Happy Hour 6PM / Dinner 7 – 9

Dinner: Pitiful Pork, Messed-up Mashed Potatoes, Meat Somewhere Else Meatloaf (veggie)

Bring a side dish to share: Sad Salads, Desperate or Depressed Deserts, and Awful Appetizers

Wear your PITIFUL CLOTHING: Stained yoga pants, holy jeans… No Shower Required!

Entertainment: Share "tales of woe", Send your pitiful problems into the flames… Prizes include Blue Cheese (everyone else can wine)!

Fleet Captain Report

Submitted by James Masson, 2018 Fleet Captain

Following up on my email blast of January 12, GREAT JOB BCYC for starting to pick up especially the unattended non marine approved power cords and the whole wet slip area in general. We still have the problem of a few moldy unsightly boats in the wet slip area which I will begin to tackle individually later this month.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all you dinghy people out there for getting rid of, properly storing, or moving your dinks. G rack has been emptied and a new kayak rack will take its place. Anyone interested in helping build or have input about the beach area please contact me via email and let's get this done before April.

The dry slip area also shows solid signs of improvement. The goal is to get everything off the ground except the inflated tires on your trailer and a dock box. I'd like to get the whole area weeded and swept next month.

I disposed of 3 junk boats last Saturday and filled my trailer with unclaimed boats on Sunday. The trailer is parked in one of our spots out front. If you own one of those boats please claim it and get rid of it or pay to store it, let me know. Also, no one has claimed either the SMR dinghy or blue kayak in rack #C-4 consider them added to the pile. Following are pictures of unclaimed boats. They will be disposed of in early February. Please Contact me if you have any information.

Bylaw Changes

Submitted by Marj Lofts, 2018 Secretary

The following changes were voted on and approved at the General Meeting on January 19, 2018:

Amendment 1:
Remove Section 1.01 (d) (ii)

"Other classes of membership may be established by the Board."

Amendment 2:
Add following Section 1.01 (d) (ii)

"Sea Scouts who have attained the age of 18 and are continuing their education as full-time students may be granted non-voting club membership until they are no longer full time students as defined by their educational institution. In addition, they must meet the requirement of having completed Seamanship training and certification by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and who are continually recommended by the Sea Scout #915 committee. The membership fee of $1 per quarter must be accompanied by documentation of full time student status."

The complete updated bylaws are available online on our website.

Save the Date - April 24th, 2018

Join Jim Wolfe for a talk about his trip around the great loop. He and his wife took their trawler around the eastern half of the USA and across southern Ontario and they would love to share some of this story with us - a few pitfalls, and some great photos. Q & A to follow.

April 24th, 7pm at the BCYC Clubhouse

Light refreshments

See Jim's blog at https://rickshaw44.weebly.com/

2018 Installation Banquet

Photos courtesy of Joye Swisher and Susan McQuillan

Thanks Rick! Good party!

January Club Racing

Submitted by Picot Floyd, aboard the Committee Boat

The first round of BCYC's Spring/Summer PHRF races was Sunday January 21st, club weekend. We put on quite a show for Gulfport and folks lining the pier to watch the races. Great turn out with nine boats competing. The weather promised very light morning winds but we ended up with 5 to 10 variable, plenty even to move the big cruisers smartly down the course. We had multiple club boats who joined us by sailing their boats to the course just to watch, the weather was that nice! Let's get into some of the details:

In two clean starts, the spinnaker classes battled it out only 9 seconds between them;

Godzilla and Kokopelli as usual working hard for first on uncorrected time. Great match play in the first heat, but Kokopelli dropped back a minute in the second round.

We kept our Capri club boats competitive, be sure to join us next time, we can get up to 6 Catalina Capri 16s in the water for race day. Great work out there one design racers Annie and Suzanne, and also Mike Pilert with his crewmate

Garth's entrance to the day's racing in his Tartan 34 Koinoinia was complex since he needed to be towed to the course. Don't let a little engine trouble slow you down, his races were both excellent times.

In a bittersweet turn, Bill Morse on Idler with a beautiful green tri-radial Genoa turned in fantastic times, but she is going to a new owner soon. We'll miss her on the water.

If you were wondering who blew onto the course almost 6 minutes after the first race started, that's Richard Walters on Seahawk. He turned in a very respectable time in that first heat in spite of handicapping himself.

Chrissy Edwards brought out her MacGregor Watercolor and rounded the buoys and dayboards with a strong finish in spite of on water hazards. (Starboard!!)

For this weekend's racing, Picot Floyd and Kim and Rob Westerfield crewed the committee boat kindly lent by Mike Richardson, 2018's new race committee chairman lending his 34 Seidelman Mi Casa. The Captain's meeting was 11.

It was truly a great time on the course, and we followed up the racing with a good time chewing over the race results and watching the big football games in the clubhouse with a crowd of 50. We had incredible food, leftovers from the previous night's club dinner kindly provided by the new club officers. Also some delightful libations were on the table (thanks Mark Rother!). Many folks were still engaged in their other non race tasks in the dry slips and out in the marina, but all made it by for some great camaraderie.

For an excellent time racing please join us on Sunday, February 18th, at 11am captains meeting for the second in this fun challenge to your sailing skills. Be aware we always make room for folks without a berth, we placed the two who stopped by without a vessel assignment on board for the racing. (Thanks captains for being accommodating) In addition, you can race very well if you just hop on one of our club Capris, already in the water. They continually surprise us by being so fast around Boca Ciega.

Afterword from Mike Richardson, Race Chair

This past Sunday was our club's first race of the new year. Thanks to all the racers that made it a success. A special thanks to Kim Westerfield and Picot Floyd for doing race committee duties. Their flawless starts and time keeping made for a good start to this year's racing series.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

CAPTAIN'S MEETING 9:30 AM

Blessing begins 10:00 AM

And Photo-shoot

All vessels welcome

Our beloved Rev. Andy Bell will do the Blessing Of The Fleet on Saturday, March 24 at 10.00am. We will sail by the pier at the Gulfport Casino for the blessing, and also sail around for photo opportunities.

Fair Winds, Guy O'Connor, BOTF Coordinator.

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Spring Sail School Begins Soon

Submitted by Annie Davidson

Adult Sail School begins March 14.

It has been several sessions since we had a full class list for our biggest club fundraiser. Our marketing/pr contacts have been ebbing. Weather has not been in our favor this year.

But there is nothing better for enrollment than members "Word of Mouth"

Please spread the word that our sail school is the best value for learning to sail in the Tampa Bay area, 10 hours on the water 10 hours in the classroom for $250 including a quarterly Club membership.

Encourage your friends and family and neighbors to visit sailbcyc.org for more information and for registration. Class size is limited to 20 which allows us 2 students per instructor per boat.

Volunteer hours of our staff count towards your Club Commitment of 3 hours every club workday (roughly 36 annual volunteer hours) This is a fun way to serve and bring in new members to the club.

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Rhumb Runner Report

Submitted by Barb Meyer, RR Captain

Five new women joined us at the January Rhumb Runner meeting. All from different backgrounds and sailing experiences, we welcome you! Besides attending our monthly meetings, the other best way to find out about us is to join us on the water. For the novice, volunteer for the RR Race Committee, for those with experience, hop on a Sunfish, pram or team up in a Capri. Contact RR Race Chair Paula Shur or myself and we'll make it happen!

Publicizing of the Women's Challenge Regatta to be held on April 28th has begun. The NOR is available online and registration will begin February 20th and run through April 20th. That's two whole months "plus" to put a crew together and practice. Cathy Talisman is taking charge of dinner plans. Mark Rother will head up the on-the-water race committee. Yeah! Becky Gilmore is co-chairing and taking over for me on race day. I think I had her at "everything will be set in place, all you have to do is stand there and look pretty." Little does she know…just kidding, and I know Joye Swisher has her back. We are taking the debriefing notes from 2016 seriously and hope to take the regatta up another notch this year.

The RR Advisory Board meets at least four times a year. Our goal is for Rhumb Runners to continue to grow, while offering more sailing and social activities that appeal to a wide range of women. In our mission statement we support all women no matter where there interests lie. I believe Paula has the first part covered and Becky, our social event chair, is hard at work on the latter.

Eleven RR's attended the FWSA meeting on January 17th hosted by the Broad Reachers at Pass-A-Grille SPYC. I believe more of the RR's are recognizing the advantages of joining FWSA. It is a wonderful way to see how other women's sailing groups function. Plus, there is the opportunity to sail at other clubs.

PoTAYto PoTAHto; this cute little heat-shaped potato was found by the Rhumb Runners and spared for the club's Officer's Dinner.

Dinner was delicious anyway. Thanks Officers!

Joye Swisher is our club liaison for the FWSA Rainbow Regatta and things are right on track. Sunday, April 8th, starting at 2pm, clubs will begin dropping off trailers full of boats. RR members will assist with that. Monday the 9th, check in starts at 0730 with the first warning at1000. As of right now we remain responsible for providing the venue and assisting with parking. Robbie Lee is the RC boat for the Sunfish course. All other responsibilities lie with the host clubs, Broad Reachers and TI Tackers. They come in and take over the place, it's like magic, I've seen it before! Everything is brought in right down to their own coffee cups.

I want to thank our Fleet Captain James Masson for taking an interest in improving the beach and small boat area. With his guidance the old Sunfish rack was dismantled to make way for new 420 and pram racks. I managed not to break Jimmy's drill in the process. Also, I know our Rear Commodore and his helpers have a vested interest in the improvements too. Permanent electricity and water are in the future.

Happy Valentine's Day to all sentient beings,

Barb Meyer, RR Captain

Rhumb Runners Racing Report

Submitted by Paula Shur
Rhumb Runner Race Chairman

The Rhumb Runner's (RR's) Winter Series has begun. Five race days are scheduled for the following Sundays - 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, and 3/11.

We have expanded our racing to include Capris. I am thrilled to report that nine RR's registered for the Capri fleet. Three of our members will continue racing in the Sunfish fleet, which is open to guests and club men.

Since the frosty temperature forbid us to sail, we kicked off our series with a Capri launching education taught by Mark Rother. A few of Mark's important instructions have been included below:

- Store the boats stern in to match the tie down straps with the cleats.
- Hold the control as if it is hanging to know which button is up and which is down.
- The only instructions given to the person on the control are up, down, and stop.
- Attach the bridle inside the shrouds.

Thank you Mark for your wise advice.

After the launching demo, we met in the clubhouse to discuss basic right of way rules and answer any questions about the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

A big thank you goes out to our Winter Series Race Committee (RC) volunteers:

Jim Lorenz - Principal Race Officer (PRO)
Steve Conn - Signal Boat driver / owner and RC member
Jimmy Meyer - Safety Boat driver
Guy O'Connor - Safety Boat driver
Cathy Talisman - Safety Boat first mate
Roger Gilmore - RC member / Safety Boat driver
Becky Gilmore - RC member
Debbie Roberto - RC member

Without their generosity we would not be able to race. Thank you!!!

I hope we will have good weather for our upcoming races.

Check out the January 2018 issue of *Southwinds Magazine* to read Paula's article, *Exploring Shroud Cay, Exumas, Bahamas.* Good job, Paula!

Sea Scouts, continued from page 10

One of our scouts made her own bead bracelets and leather goods to use in trade for items she wanted to buy from the many trade blankets laid out in front of private tents and/or venders.

Two scouts brought their own bows and arrows to use at the archery range.

After dinner, laughter and fine country music spilled from the school tent which glowed in the sub-dued light of candle style lanterns. A few brave scouts had a grand time as they joined in on the line and circle dancing. YEE HA !!!

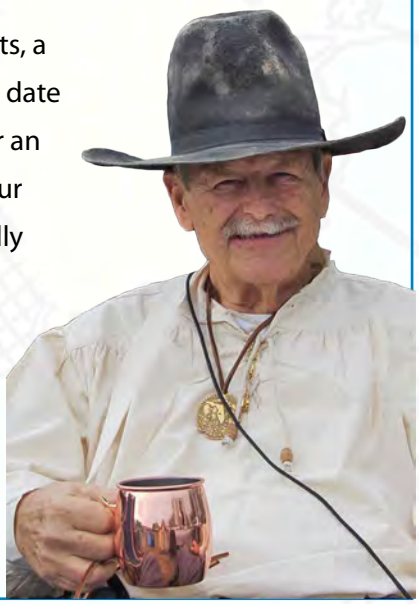
Sunday morning, the same tent became the venue for an old fashioned, non-denominational church service. We shared communion with several hundred others.

Packing up to leave came too soon. We had only tapped into a small portion of the possibilities available.

We're already making plans for Rendezvous 2019!

From the Desk of Your Flag Officer

Submitted (by phone) by Tony Angel



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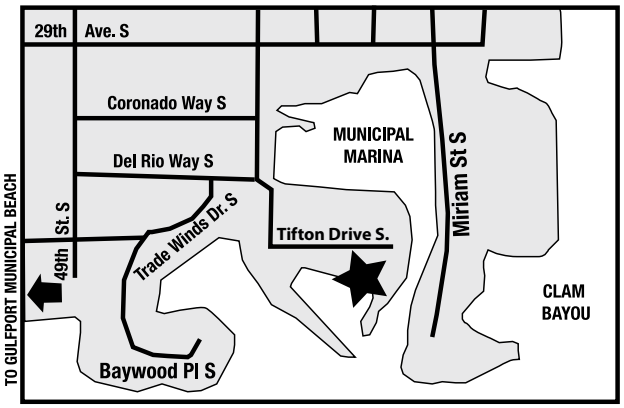

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Richard Walters, aka Captain Sandbar, aka cannon-slinger Duck Holliday, starts the year off with a BANG! at the Hoot.