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The 2019 Memorial Day Raft Up was a blast!
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Vice Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Sheri Ogorek, 2019 BCYC Vice Commodore

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..." Not if you are at BCYC! Summer just means it is still hot, hot, hot and there are a lot of things to do.

Club weekend in June was definitely hot, hot, hot! Thank you to all of you who came out for workday on Saturday morning. We are a volunteer club and rely on our members to assist with projects and the upkeep!

Thank you to Lisa Glaser and the Rhumb Runners for hosting the June Club dinner. Lisa's ceviche, Kathy Maechtle's gazpacho, Ellen Alexander's slaw, Lezlee Kramer's Key Lime pies and other yummy items kept the kitchen cool and our tummies well satisfied! Cheri Glaser invited Salsa dancer Alfredo Anthony to teach Salsa dancing to a full dance patio floor of BCYCers. Wow, some of you have the Salsa moves! Thank you for a fun evening!

Sunday racing was a great day on the water for around 14 boats. A day on the water, even with light winds, is way better than a day on the sofa!

Hopefully, the weather held out for the Gaboon Race at the end of June. James Masson planned a fun event and showcased one of his water guns (cannons) at the last general meeting. If you got close to James's Calypso, you are sure to have gotten soaked. That was the point, right?

The Fish & Grab group led by Marty Southard has been learning new skills and having fun adventures; complete with stories to tell! Their "one shrimp" excursion will lead to a "more than one scallop" collected with their next planned outing July 14-16. Contact Marty for more details. This group knows how to have fun!

Sea Scout Ship 915 will be marching in the Gulfport 4th of July parade and BCYC has once again given a generous donation to The City of Gulfport for their 4th of July fireworks display.

Gulfport puts on quite an impressive firework show that can be enjoyed on land or on the water. Happy Birthday America!

Youth sailing is finishing up its three-week session for 2019. Thank you to Heidi Moran, Joel Heyne and the Sea Scouts for your commitment to this program. This has been the beginning point for cultivating young sailors for a lifetime of enjoyment on the water since 1986.



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July Birthdays

Glenn Dobos	July 1
Lezlee Kramer	July 2
Valerie Turley	July 2
Martin van Houten	July 3
Marie Lorenz	July 4
Jim Meyer	July 5
Henry Stewart	July 5
Sharon Vreeland	July 6
Carol Yoder	July 7
Stacy Dochoda	July 8
Carol Southard	July 8
Louise Dobos	July 9
Carroll Risk	July 9
Ruth Hicks	July 10
Doug Niebur	July 10
Debra Weber	July 11
Stanislav Yefimov	July 11

Anita Adams	July 13
John Budinski	July 13
Richard Bradley	July 14
Philip Charnock	July 14
Jonathan Cornwell	July 14
Sherrill O'Brien	July 16
John Meyer	July 18
Alder Allensworth	July 20
Bill Ackerman	July 23
Leslie Tiernan-Duffy	July 24
Jeff Reckson	July 25
Stefan Kaschkafayev	July 26
Ed Mitchell	July 26
Rick Smith	July 26
Larry Lynch	July 27
Glenda Hottle	July 30

Are we missing your birthday?

Please edit your member information in Wild Apricot.

BCYC Merchandise for Sale

Support BCYC and Look Good Too!



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 email Patty

Tishuk at merchandising@sailbcyc.org, 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.



Throw back to March 2014 and the Big Boat Cruise! Nick and Betty make sure the rest of the passengers know who they're dealing with!

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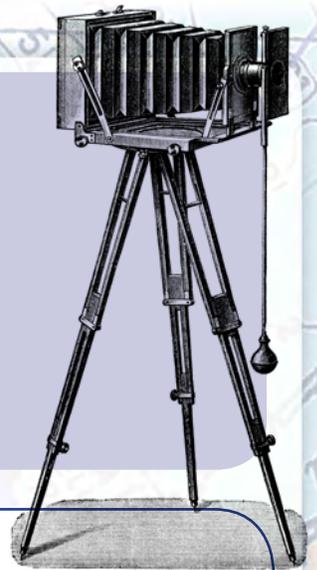


Thanks to Our Photographers!

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

This month's contributors are: Susan McQuillan, Joye Swisher, Dick Risk, Tony Angel, Matt Maloy and Phong Long.

Thanks to you all!



Free Marine Classifieds

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

FOR SALE: Cal 34 *Shady Lady* - \$12.5K with carbon racing sails, \$10K with Dacron main/Jib. Local PHRF Legend Racer/ Cruiser Boat Of The Year, New Interior 2018, Diesel, Stereo, Custom Drop-door Swim Stern, Large Galley, LED, Auto-Pilot, Full Instruments, Steve 727-743-3000

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FOR SALE: ECLIPSE: 27.5' Chrysler S-27 MUST SELL, any offer will be considered

Racing boat, bottom has been planed to eliminate cavitation. Non-spin class 1st place legacy; ECLIPSE has a Tampa Bay-wide reputation. Purchased in March for \$6000 in club #20). It needs engine work (it's a Yanmar diesel). My situation has changed and I won't be able to sail for the next couple of years. I've made the decision to sell the boat for half of what I bought it for due to the engine issues (or best offer). Contact Chris Tucker at chris@tuckerbc.com.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

July 2019

	1 Youth Sailing 9 am Board Meeting 7:30	2 Every Tuesday night: racing 5pm-sunset	3 Sea Scouts (every Wed 5pm) Youth Sailing 9 am	4 4th July Boat Parade 4:30 pm	5 Youth Sailing 9 am	6 July Cruise TSS 9AM
7 July Cruise TSS	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Fish & Grab "Scallop Grab" Ends July 17	15	16 July Sunset/Full Moon Sail Out 7:15 pm	17	18	19 New Member Mixer 6:30pm General Meeting 8pm	20 Work Day 8:30 am Rhumb Runners 12 pm Fish & Grab 1:30 pm Pot luck Dinner 4 pm at Cheri Glaser & Bill Aronis' home
21 PHRF Racing Series; Skipper Mtg 12 pm	22	23	24 Windword Deadline	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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August 2019

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Cruisin' Susan has planned the July Club cruise to sail over to the Tampa Sailing Squadron. Please contact Susan McQuillan if you plan to sail over or to do a land cruise to TSS.

The full moon cruise is scheduled for July 16; lets start the "no rain, no rain" chant now. The full moon cruises can have spectacular sunsets and moon rises and grand camaraderie!

Before the July general meeting we will hold our second New Member Meet & Greet of the year. Email reminders and invitations will be sent out before the event.

Also, let's not forget it is now hurricane season. Now is the time to get your boats and homes hurricane ready. For starters, boat lines need to be doubled up for safety.

Yes, summer at BCYC is hot, hot, hot with events. "You'll wish that summer could always be here!"

Thank you, BCYC!

New Member Mixer July 19

Submitted by Nick Southard, BCYC Commodore

We will be hosting our 2nd Welcome Reception for all New Members from 2018 through 2019 year to date. Our Reception will take place on our waterfront porch on July 19 prior to our General Meeting from 630pm to 730 pm.

We want to encourage our New Members to meet with our Flag Officers, Board Members and our Committee Chairpersons in hopes that answers will be found to questions as to how to enjoy more of what BCYC has to offer.

So often when we are asked why a new member leaves our club, their responses were "it was difficult to get involved in Club Activities" or "I felt like a stranger when I came to the club".

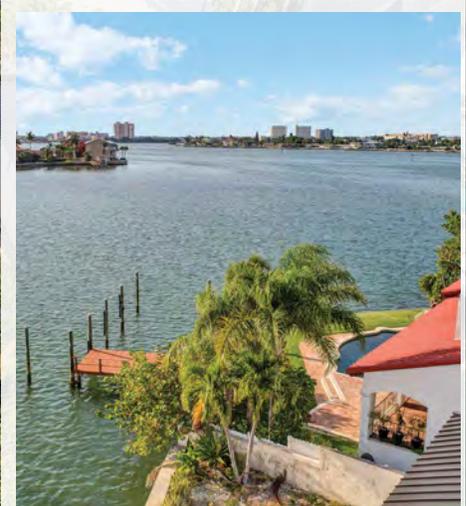
Looking forward to seeing Flag Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, and our New Members as we work on bridging the gap at the July Welcome Reception!



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Raft-Up Report

Submitted by Becky Gilmore, Raft Up Chair

We had a wonderful Memorial Weekend Gilligan's Island Dinner and Three-Hour Tour! It was a very positive and uplifting event and I thank everyone who participated in the dinner (We had about 160 people, including many TSS folks). We also had approximately 28 boats for the Raft-Up on Sunday and the weather, camaraderie, beer, and snacks could not have been better!

Everyone that I spoke with has agreed that it was a great decision to move it from Labor Day to Memorial Day. And, the attendance by so many TSS folks just added to the joviality. Thanks first of all to Jenn Buckley for staying on top of registrations and providing me with endless lists.

The movement of mountains of supplies into the Club House was accomplished with the help of Richard Walters and Garth Reynolds. We had a great dinner – which we decided not to cater. But then, serving 160 people (as opposed to 119 last year) was a bit daunting. Enter Chef Nancy Bennett to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. She saved me with her culinary skills and her ever calm demeanor.

There were many kitchen helpers...Cathy Talisman, Dianne Benedetti, Cheri Glaser, Mike Cook, Lezlee Kramer, Gerry Angel, Cary Nell and Jen Rogers. Jen also did a last minute emergency trip for supplies as did "my little buddy" Roger Gilmore before he picked up the pies. The Professor's Potent Punch was ably mixed by Ellen Alexander and Meg Banitch. They provided decorations as well – and tried valiantly to



Best Float prize went to Gary Rhoads and Kathy Longacre for their Lobsta Ride

make the grass skirts stick to the tables. Serving was beautifully done by Juli Jacoby, Nancy May-Hatch, Nick Southard, John and Katie Meyer, Russ Matter and Patty Tishuk. Richard Walters and Roger Gilmore kept the trash moving. The mess was cleaned up with the assistance of Tony Angel, Russ Matter, Melissa McCue and others.

Please forgive me if I forgot to mention you as a helper. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. The tradition of everyone wanting to eat outside continued as the porch was a cool, breezy, and happening place.

So, the parade of characters performed on the porch in front of judges Nina Berkheiser, Debbie Roberto and Patty Tishuk who also registered everyone. Prizes

went to Roger Gilmore as Gilligan, Elizabeth Hendricks as Ginger, a TSS couple as Thurston and Lovey Howell and new youngest participant Juliann Sharlow, who made a cute young MaryAnn. The costumes were definitely a highlight.



For those of you who missed singing the Gilligan's Island song and doing trivia, sorry. Everyone seemed to be having too much fun and I didn't want to interrupt! The Island Boys did not disappoint—as they sang praises for our very welcoming and friendly club.

So many other volunteers to mention—Thanks to the many boat captains who volunteered to stowaways aboard. Everyone had a place to be. Mixer had the beer well taken care of, James Masson helped early on in the raft-up, and Jillian Reed was in the wings if we needed her. But Don Rogers miraculously got the safety boat fixed in the nick of time—and all was well. Of course, Joel and Tony and the Sea Scouts were the real stars of the show—getting us all tied into a beautiful circle and untied safely at the end of a wonderful day.

I've taken copious notes from the last several years which will make it a breeze for the next Raft-Up Chair – and I promise to help.

So please consider taking on this really important annual event for the club!





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More raft up photos on page 14— and online at www.sailbcys.org/gallery

June Cruise Report

Submitted by Cruisin' Susan McQuillan, Cruise Chair

On Saturday, June 1st, we cruised to Twin Dolphin, which is one of our favorite marinas. They are in the process of renovating floating docks and BCYC boats were the last boats on the old B dock. Monday morning, following our cruise, it was scheduled to be removed and make way for the new.



8 boats cruised over and 4 people land cruised. Sailboats actually were able to set their sails and turn off the engines!! The weather was perfect! We all cooled off in the pool until we were waterlogged.

John and I grilled cheeseburgers and hot dogs, compliments of BCYC, and everyone brought appetizers, sides and desserts. We celebrated Ken Shur's birthday with some really great brownies!



Monday, June 17th was supposed to be the Sunset/Full Moon Sail Out. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to weather, which actually did not get bad until later Monday night. For some unknown reason, my email did not go out until later that day and Trending Now did not update until late that night. I apologize if you came to the Skipper's Meeting not knowing. Remember, all cruising events are weather permitting and if a Club Event, like this Sail Out, is cancelled, and you still want to go out, please do so using your own discretion.



Bring your boat out in the Bay on July 4th and raft up with us to watch the fireworks from Gulfport, Pass-A-Grille and St Pete Beach. As always, bring food to share and your cooler with your drink of choice.

July 6th is the next monthly club cruise. The destination will be Tampa Sailing Squadron, in Apollo Beach, our sister club. We can hang out in A/C, have dinner and just chill....great camaraderie between clubs.

Keep checking the white board, club calendar and Trending Now. Make sure you are logged in to the website and subscribe to topics on Trending Now. That way, you will get an email when Topics are posted. It is a best way to stay informed.





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More Raft up Photos!





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Rear Commodore Report

Submitted by Don Rogers, Rear Commodore

June work day started with hot weather. Then it got hotter and, in spite of the heat, our gallant work day force got it together. Many projects got done and the club looked great for the potluck dinner. The members that showed up are the best: Bill Ackerman, Carol & Marty Southard, Paul LaChance, Paula Shur, Bob Trehy, Lisa Glaser, Cheri Glaser, Gerri Angel, Mixer, Ken Andrews, John McLeod, Bill Morse, Paul Davis, Becky Gilmore, Harold Small, Dianne Benedetti, Jim Turley, Lezlee Kramer, Juli Jacoby, Jen Rogers, and Linda & Matt Maloy. I am pretty sure there were others there. If your name was not on the list, I am sorry. Please remember to sign in each work day so we can keep the records straight. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you that come out in support of the club.

July work day we will be a lot of the same cleaning/fixing up of the club, come on out join the fun.

You members that are not coming out are missing out by not helping out on work days!! It is really nice way to meet other members, working alongside for the mutual benefit of the club. And, if you are not an officer, board member, committee chair or other volunteer you are expected to help on work days. It's part of being a member in good standing.





From Joye Swisher:

Garth invited us to crew with him in the pursuit race on Sunday. A friend he went to school with was visiting. She kept saying, "this is one of my bucket list items!" That's one of the reasons why we LOVE BCYC; being able to take people out for their first sail and see the thrill on their faces.



Join the BCYC Rhumb Runners for two days of small boat sailing:



Capri Day Saturday 8/24/2019

9:00AM to Noon both days.

Sunfish Day Sunday 8/25/2019

Ever want to know what it's like to get your butt wet while sailing? Here's your chance.

Join the RR's for two days of practice; Capri's on Saturday and Sunfish/Prams on Sunday. Instruction on basic rigging and boat handling will be offered. Based on interest and times may vary! Bring Sunscreen, gloves, PFD, water, lunch and a good attitude.

For more information contact: Barb Meyer or Paula Shur

Bylaw Proposals from June

During our last General Meeting on June 21, 2019, we had three proposed by-law changes that had appeared in June's Windword and were set to be voted upon at the meeting. They were concerning Section 1.01 (a.) - *General Membership*, Section 1.03 - *Application and Acceptance of New Members* and Section 2.04 - *Membership Reinstatement*. A motion was made to refer these proposals to the Articles of Incorporation Revision Committee. This committee will conduct a

careful and concise inspection of our original Articles of Incorporation and will propose revisions to them for the purposes of aligning with our current by-laws as well as recommend revisions to our by-laws when appropriate. The above proposed bylaw changes can be considered after that time."

Editor's Note: Section 2.04 - *Membership Reinstatement* was incorrectly referenced in the June Windword as "Section 2.01". Section 2.04 is correct.

Pool and Sausage Party

Saturday July 20

Happy hour 4pm



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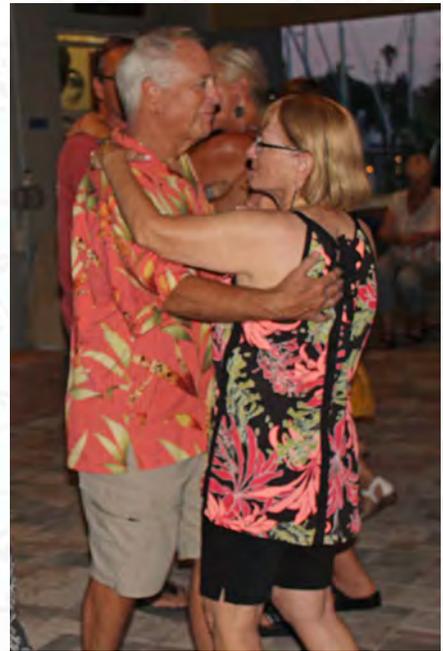
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Slowing Way Down

Submitted by Phong Long and Asa Folsom
Part Two (Part One appeared in the June Windword)

We followed tracks into Anna Maria Sound to our first stop: The Seafood Shack. BCYC's reputation preceded us as we were warmly welcomed by a crowd of lunchtime spectators while Asa masterfully slid into a port side dock with the wind on our nose and slightly to port with an expensive fender called a power yacht to our starboard.



We only stayed the night, making sure to go up to the office to thank Harley and his crew for their hospitality. Recalling our error the last time we were here, we made sure the transmission was in neutral, fired up the engine, and hailed the Cortez Bridge bridge tender for the next opening - first on channel 16, then again on channel 9.

"Where are you guys going first?", we recalled often asked back at the clubhouse.

"Dry Tortugas!", we would enthusiastically reply.

Despite being physically and mentally tired from the flurry of activity of getting ready to leave, we checked weather forecasts daily and we were hoping to maintain our excitement enough to make the passage to the Dry Tortugas in about week; have a good time there for about a week; potentially have to wait there for a week; sail back to Gulfport in a week; catch our flight to San Diego; fly back...

Hold On. Old habits are hard to break.

It was sometime around the previous night - or maybe the next morning - that we realized we had again put ourselves on a schedule.

After discussing it a bit, Asa and I decided that the destination, the Dry Tortugas, had served its purpose of getting us off our tether to Gulfport and it was time to let that go. Now is the time to slow down -

slow *way* down.

Then something interesting happened as the following days came and went. Overnight anchorages to rest and getting up at the crack of dawn turned into a few days - one to rest, one to explore, maybe another to explore that other place over there, then when the weather's right and after we've decided on the next anchorage about half a day away, weigh anchor in the late morning after coffee.

Right at Aquamarine, the trail laid before us by our BCYC family stop. We'd now be blazing our own trail to parts unknown to us. I think old charts used to warn, "Hic Sunt Dracones," a message to sailors who dare venture further. But those are western dragons. Eastern dragons are a different beast altogether. They are benevolent beings that bring rain from far away oceans to sun parched lands. Maybe that's why we unwittingly named her Petrichor, the earthy smell of weather meeting land. Or, maybe it's all of the above. Beware of dragons. Respect the dragons. Look forward to dragons.

Armed with the collective experience of BCYC in our back pocket; on our boat with 32 feet of waterline; we headed up into a reach with following seas; making way to southern islands for what would turn into new experiences and challenges every day, guided by the Crux constellation at our bow.

We'll be splitting up our experiences into many monthly Windword submissions with the intention of sharing our stories with you just as you have with us. After passing by Aquamarine, we started laying breadcrumbs of our own, anchoring our way down to Key West.

We're posting regularly to our blog at journeytojustus.com; with more regular photos and the occasional live video to our instagrams, @quixoticquest (Phong) and @quirkyquarks (Asa).



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Local Teens Sail To Dive The Tortugas

Submitted by Sea Scout Annslee Maloy

On June first two Sailboats filled with Gulfport Sea Scouts slipped their lines and headed out across the horizon. The 34 ft Sailing Vessels "Celebration" and "Mirage" motored south lacking the wind needed to sail. "Celebration" had been designated the girl's boat and the guys ran the scouts old dependable 1973 Morgan, "Mirage". As the boats cross the Egmont shipping channel, the 7 girls and 2 adults on "Celebration" organized the watches for the night.



The first 2-hour shift began at 10:00 and the rest of the crew headed below deck to catch some sleep before their watch started. Soon they all came on deck to take charge of the boat and watch the dark horizon and sparkling night sky full of stars not seen on shore. The whispers of tired girls float through the boat. They talked about anything and everything..... The morning sun soon began to rise, and the crew emerged from the cabin to munch down bagels, sweet rolls, and to lay out on deck napping, reading, and searching the crystal waters for dolphins and turtles..... Around lunch time, Celebration cut the engine and rafted up with the boy's boat, "Mirage", for a mid-day swim. The water is 130 ft. Deep. No standing on the bottom here. They plunged into the water to cool off from the heat and to tell the other boats crew of the adventures so far. The girls can't find their share of oranges and boy's boat is using oil excessively. There are no stores in the Tortugas and the boats must subsist on the water and supplies that they bring with them. After a 20-minute swim all climbed back aboard the boats to continue the journey.

At 0700 hours, the last watch crew of the night spotted a small dot on the horizon and the chart identified it as Fort Jefferson. We watched as the small dot grew, - and the engines pattered on. At 0800 hours, Celebrations engine dies. ---- Oops they forgot to pour fuel form the spare cans into the tank. Mirage patiently waits while the poor engine on Celebration is bled of air in the lines and it finally sputters into action again. An hour later

the two boats reach the anchorage in front of the fort and set the anchors and raft the boats together. The boys blew up the rubber dingy to bring the 12 scouts to shore in shifts. As their feet touched the grass, they raced toward the sandy beach on the west side of the Key and plunged into the turquoise waters for a swim before heading to the Fort to explore.

After hours spent wandering the ancient walls of the Fort, the shuttle crew brings lunch and snorkel gear to the beach to prepare for an afternoon of exploring the reefs. We quickly finish our lunch and make our way into the crystal-clear waters to explore the reef that is bursting with magnificent colors and wildlife. We see parrot fish, squirrel fish, brain coral, sea urchins and Christmas tree worms as we glide through the water. Too soon, our adventure comes to an end. We return to the beach and head back to our big boats to hang out on the bow talking, laughing, and jumping off the boat every hour to cool off. As one of the scouts leaps off the boat a 6-foot barracuda is spotted. Dares are thrown around the group to jump in and touch the beastly looking fish. No one went after the 'cuda. After the last float plane took off with the last group of tourists the fort was ours to share with a venture troop that was camping there inside the fort.

Soon dinner is prepared, and we settle down for the night playing cards and chatting until our tired eyes leads us to our beds. The next day, the boats are prepared for our snorkeling trip a few miles away at Loggerhead key. All 12 scouts and 3 adults pile onto Mirage to cross over. We tie the boat to one of the 2 mooring balls, "buddy up" and swim to shore so we can hike across the island to get to the side of the island with the reefs. We swim with goggles and snorkels in only four to five feet of water that covers the live reef. We glide over "staghorn" coral and a colorful bottom full of beautiful fish. A curious shark and four or five barracuda cruised by us at a safe distance. We have been taught that they are happy to live on a diet of fish,



not people. So we should be calm, - but they still look a little scary.

When we sailed back to Fort Jefferson, we realize how lonesome the fort looks out in the ocean by itself. The prisoners who were kept at the fort could never hope to escape. Later, as we beach our inflatable at the fort a hermit crab is found in the sand and it's immediately given the name Toe. We sit within the walls of the fort facing the alluring ocean and play cards as the day winds down. Soon the cards are put away and an exhilarating game of Manhunt takes their place. We race through the fort searching for other scouts. As the sun drops to the horizon an unreal Florida sunset breaks across the sky and we make our way back to our big boats aboard the dink with a stumbling and sputtering engine. One tube on the inflatable has become a little deflatable.



The next morning, we pull anchor and set off for this day's sail to the Marquesas and Boca Grande key. The day is spent loafing in the sun and watching the water flying by the bow. We soak up the sun as we sail and arrive at Boca Grande Key at sunset to tie the boats together and set anchor for the night. Two of the scouts cook a big pot of beef stew and then we gathered on the bow to hang out and talk until it was time for bed. It was hot so most of us slept on deck. We laughed and told stories through the night. In the morning we moved the boats closer to Boca Grande key. On the way the boys boat ran aground. Realizing they were only in 4 ft of water they all jumped in and pushed the bow around to work loose from the small sand bar. After 10 minutes they were successful and easily made it to Celebration to join the girls on the island. We splashed around in the water and discussed the latest book series. Then, we made we way back to the boats. As we began our journey to Key West, we spotted a pod of spotted dolphins. They jumped and played as they followed our boats. The sail past Man and Woman Keys was short, and we found our way into

the Key West Bight Marina in just a few hours.

After 5 days on the water, we raced to the showers as soon as we finished docking. The night is filled with hanging out on the docks and getting freshened up. The next day we explored Key West and searched for ice cream. We took refuge from the heat and watched a movie. Heading back to the boats we grabbed pizza. On the way back we met a crew of Scouts who were sailing a 70 ft. Schooner. They gave us a tour of their boat



On our second day in port we walked down Duval Street to the Southernmost point. Then, headed for lunch at a local Cuban restaurant. In the evening we went to Mallory Square for sunset. We laughed at the crazy fun people who were performing at the "Mallory sunset show" and took pictures as the sun set on our last night in Key West before our voyage home. We watched the schooners in the horizon and the street performers amongst the crowds. We walked back to the boats for the night. The next morning, we prepared to leave port by refilling water tanks, spare fuel tanks and cleaning up. After an easy morning of preparation, we went for ice cream and cappuccino before it became time to finally leave for our trip home.

After some smooth sailing a storm approaches during the night watch and the boats got hit with a surprise of high winds. All of the crew awoke and came on deck to bring the sails down quickly. Then jackets were put on. The rain poured and the wind whipped at the faces of the watch crew. The nut holding the steering wheel on Mirage came loose and fell off during the storm. A wave broke against the boat and the scout steering Mirage found himself holding the wheel in mid-air. As they worked to reset the wheel the throttle control arm was stepped on and the handle snapped off. After some work the damage was repaired by the scouts' quick thinking and skills. For the rest of the trip home the engine speed was adjusted with a pull on a string.

The boats crossed from Key West to Boca Grande Pass and then motored up to The Cape Haze Marina for a night with hot showers and a swimming pool. The next

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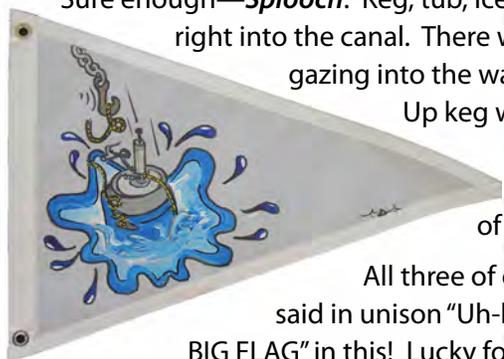
Submitted by Tony Angel

A Raft-Up caper you didn't know of:

John Meyer, Stefan Kaschkadayev and John McLeod took charge of the "Draft Up" keg when it arrived at the club. They bound up the keg and prepared to use the hoist to lift it up and lower it into the dink for a trip out to the raft. As they swung it out from the canal dock a gust of wind caught the arm of the hoist.

The hoist swung wildly giving Stefan the choice of letting go of the ropes or being flung into the canal.

Sure enough—**Splooch**. Keg, tub, ice and all went right into the canal. There was Stefan gazing into the water at the Raft-Up keg which was now settling on the bottom of the canal.



All three of our heroes said in unison "Uh-ho there is a BIG FLAG" in this! Lucky for the raft beer drinkers our threesome had threaded the lines around the keg through the handles on the tub. They were able to carefully lift the treasure off the bottom and into the Sea Scouts inflatable. Then, they wisely gave the project of transporting the keg to the sober Sea Scouts.

The "**Sinking Draft Up**" Flag goes to Stefan, John and John.

On Friday June 14th the *Fish-n-Grab* committee went out to grab some shrimp. To do this a shrimper needs a bright light and an unusual long handled net with only small 1/2" mesh. The light is to shine the water and spot the yellow/green reflection of shrimp eyes and of course the net is to scoop up the shrimp. The boats anchored in 3 ft water in a swift current and all nine shrimpers set out to skim the water for the entrée to be served at a seafood dinner on Saturday.

After about a half hour a front moved in with 18 knot wind that chilled the air to 72 degrees. Then horizontal rain started up. Because the water temp was 83 degrees several of the shrimpers jumped overboard to

wade and scoop shrimp. All that was missing was the shrimp.

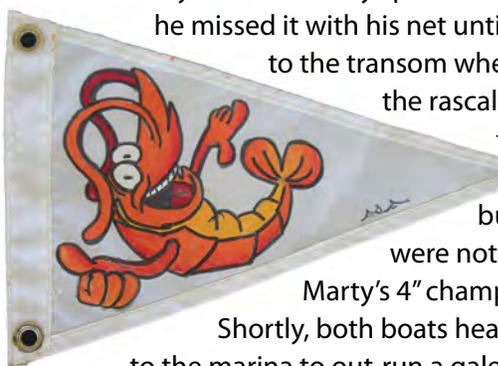
On Marty's boat a very frisky 2" pin-fish was caught followed by two critters about the size of a silver dollar—but no shrimp.

After twenty minutes Marty spotted a shrimp, but he missed it with his net until it swam back to the transom where he netted the rascal. On Al's boat the score was still O for O but at least we were not skunked with Marty's 4" champion catch.

Shortly, both boats headed back to the marina to out-run a gale. Everyone huddled together as we flew home with visions of hot wings in our heads.

The Fish-n-Grab group needs a little more practice shrimping, but all had fun. Marty released the shrimp of the night which cost us \$60.00 in fuel with a crew of 9 and for \$40.00 Publix supplied a catch for the Saturday night dinner.

The Shrimp Flag goes to **Marty Southard** and on July 14th the suggestion is that we go to Crystal River to catch scallops. We can do that in the daylight.



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day they lazily motored up the ICW to dock at the Crow's Nest Marina in Venice Beach. In Venice all 12 Scouts head down to the beach to swim in the sea weedy beach and play in the waves. The next day the two-boat flotilla sailed across Sarasota Bay and tied up at the Seafood Shack in Cortez for the night. They ate a great dinner that cost half of what they paid in Key West took hot showers and prepared to return home in Gulfport the next day.

Over the twelve days of sailing all our group became a family of big and little brothers and sea sisters. Sea scouts is a high adventure co-ed high school sailing organization sponsored by five groups of "Ships" in the bay area. For information call one of the Skippers: Tony Angel 727/459-7900 or Joel Heyne ph. 727/599-3350

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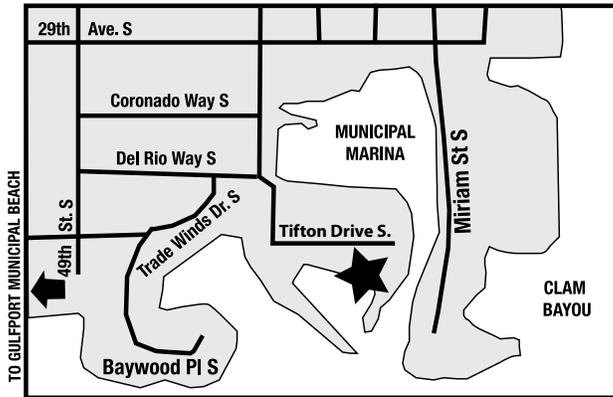
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