

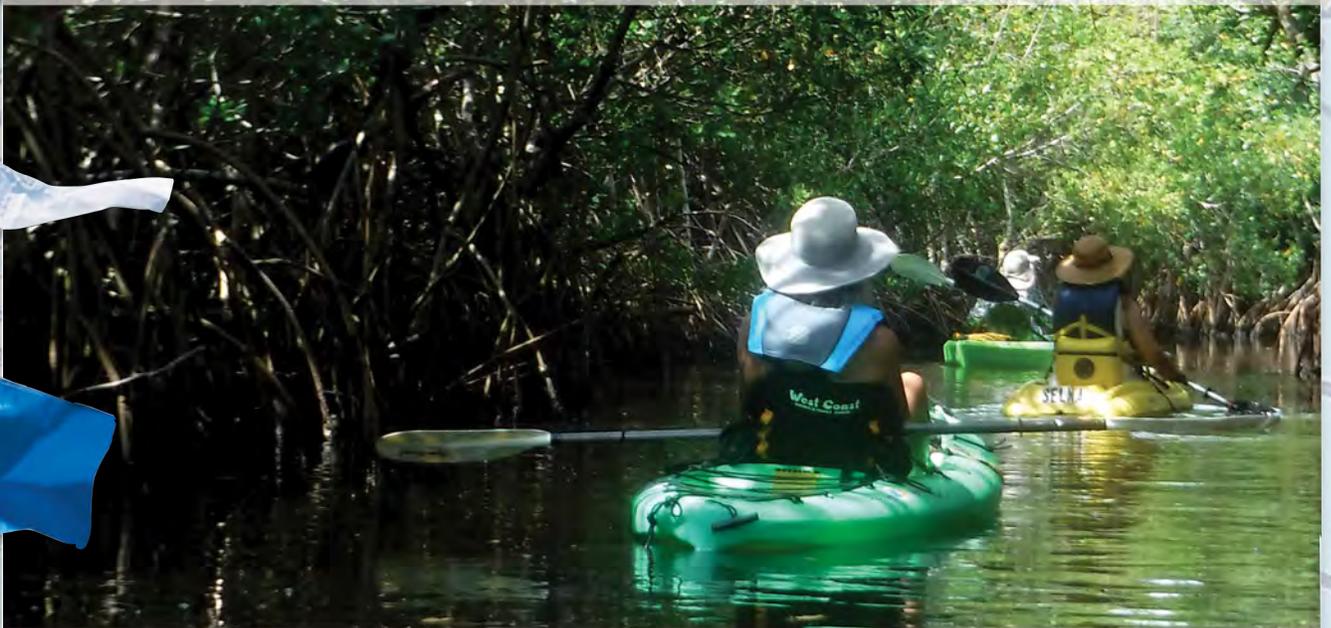
# Windword

March 2021

## *Bounty on the Trash!*

### *Clam Bayou Cleanup*

*Saturday March 20 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm*



### **Bring your boots, waders, paddleboards, kayaks and canoes!**

Gulfport Grassroots in partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful will be hosting the City of Gulfport's 2021 Great American Cleanup – Clam Bayou Cleanup.

And BCYC is upping the ante. Bring back the most trash and win a gift card! BCYC volunteers should wear boots, long slacks and sleeves, sun protection, and your BCYC GEAR! Cleanup supplies will be provided by Gulfport Grassroots.

For more clean-up information, [www.facebook.com/GulfportGrassRoots](https://www.facebook.com/GulfportGrassRoots)  
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## Commodore's Corner

Submitted by Roger Gilmore, 2021 BCYC Commodore

Small Boat workday happened!

Thanks to members who participated and helped scrape and clean up Capri 1. It had a full beard and Mark, our Small Boat Chair, will be bottom painting it soon. Next up, will be Capri 2. The North Shed is now cleaned up and we ask members not to add anything to it other than what is in it today. Plans are underway to move our Kayak rack next to the boat launch ramp. The present one will be dismantled after vessels are consolidated onto other racks.

Bill Morse is identifying members and their equipment to determine what can be tossed to the curb. If you do not hear from Bill and you have property down at the club (outboards in particular) please contact him.

Soon, expect our SUPs, Kayak's, Sunfish etc. to be sporting "BCYC" with burgee decals – a small price for on the water advertising. The kayak rack will also have signage.

The Chair position remains open for sail school, yet work has been done for reopening the program. Thank you to John Meyer for coordinating with our instructors. Tentatively, October is our target month for resuming sail school, allowing an opportunity for instructors and students to be vaccinated. What is envisioned is streamlining the number of member volunteer hours by replacing Wednesday night table captains and instructors with the US Sailing graded online Keel Boat course, making it a prerequisite for students to start sail instruction. No longer will we have separate morning and afternoon weekend classes but 2 consecutive weekends of 12 students maximum, with sail instruction running 8am-3:30pm, with the day broken between water and class time as needed with ample time for lunch. If anyone is interested in coordinating enrollment and schedules, please email me.



Before and After



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Leslie Cook.....	March 2
Maureen Daniels-Tichy.....	March 3
Jacinthe Franson.....	March 4
Bob Bedinghaus.....	March 6
Steve Rye.....	March 9
Annie Davidson.....	March 11
Dianne Gleaton.....	March 12
Harold Small.....	March 13
Tim Fenley.....	March 14



# March Birthdays

Caryn McDermott.....	March 15
Greg Zajdel.....	March 15
Peggy Manee.....	March 16
Mike Manee.....	March 18
William Parker.....	March 18
Rick Kralick.....	March 19
Jean Graham.....	March 22
Rhonda Fuller.....	March 24
Paula Haemmerle.....	March 25
Annemieke Jaspers.....	March 25
Nancy May-Hatch.....	March 26
James Turley Jr.....	March 27
Rick Van Enige.....	March 28
Erica Raffel.....	March 29
Dale George.....	March 30
Kevin Upson.....	March 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 Beth Berkobein at [merchandising@sailbcyc.org](mailto: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.



Don fishing - not catching - off the Bokeelia Pier on Pine Island

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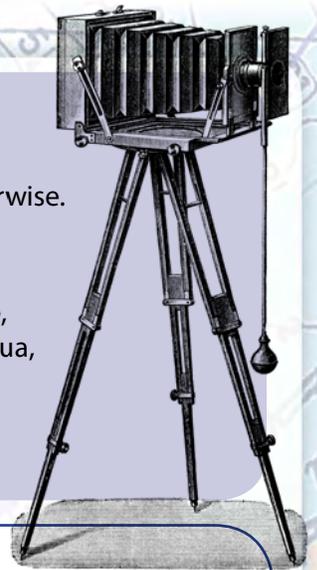


# Thanks to Our Photographers!

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: Tom Buckley, Susan McQuillan, Matt Maloy, Roger Gilmore, Cathy Talisman, Katie Meyer, Brad Daniel, Mike Cook, Dan Chesnut, Tony Angel, Mark Requa, Jen Rogers and self-portraits from our new general and provisional members.

**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)

**FOR SALE BY BCYC:** Trinka style 2 person hard dinghy. The boat has been left in our storage area and all attempts to find the owner have been fruitless. The boat is available to the highest bidder with a closing date of 15 March. You may inspect the dinghy in the lower section of dinghy rack "C." The wood is in poor condition, it needs a new seat and a portion of the wood gunnel is broken. The fiberglass hull is very used but intact. No oars. If you are interested contact the Fleet Captain Bill Morse or text 727-215-7426.

**FOR SALE:** Irwin 33; Built 1975; I have owned since 1980; can sleep 4 comfortably; berths for 7 very friendly people! Complete boat, dink, TV, antennae, DVD, galley with 2 burner alcohol stove (pots, pans, plates, towels, even tooth brushes!). Rebuilt Atomic Four engine, life jackets, wet suit, VHF and hand-held radio, hand-held GPS, whisker pole, stainless steel charcoal grill. Asking \$8,500.00. Michael Collins, cell: 813-230-0578; [michaelpcollins44@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpcollins44@gmail.com)

**FOR TRADE:** 8 HP 4 stroke Yamaha outboard (2002). Runs great. I want to trade for a smaller lighter motor. Mike Pilert. 928-853-9128. [mpilert@yahoo.com](mailto:mpilert@yahoo.com)

**WANTED** Looking for a 15 lb (approx) Danforth anchor and a used dock box. Please contact Elizabeth Hendricks at 727-999-0900 or [EHendricksPR@hotmail.com](mailto:EHendricksPR@hotmail.com)

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Be sure to check our web site regularly to sign up for events; for What's Trending Now and calendar updates, weather and tide links, full-color Windword online, Wild Apricot membership features and more.

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TAMPA BAY

**Note: for the safety of everyone, non-waterfront scheduled activities and club functions will be cancelled until further notice. Some meetings will be held virtually and registration will be required. Please check web site calendar for updates and conditions.**

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## March 2021

	<b>1</b> Virtual Board Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM BCYC - Virtual Happy Hour	<b>6</b>
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**To avoid scheduling conflicts, please contact Secretary Jonathan Cornwell for calendar updates. Email: [secretary@sailbcyc.org](mailto:secretary@sailbcyc.org)**



# Welcome!

## February General Members

Cody & Kristi Deuter  
Tampa, FL 33616  
Boat: None  
Sail School graduate

*We need your photo!  
Please send to  
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and we will print it in  
the April issue.  
Thanks!*

Bruce & Janet Kreutzer  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683  
Boat: Sea View Play -  
Jeanneau 38  
Interests: cruising, racing,  
sail school (volunteer),  
Rhumb Runners



## February Provisional Member

Dawn Daisley  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Boat: none  
Interests: Cruising, Racing  
(crew), Sail School



## Never too late: photos from our January new provisional members

Richard & Diane Pedone  
Gulfport Marina living on  
their boat.  
Interests: Sailing, Water  
sports, Teaching safe  
boating & Seamanship.  
They have a service dog  
named Nettie.



Michael & Terry Engelgau  
Town Shores  
Gulfport, FL  
Interest: Fishing, Sailing,  
water sports, Public  
Relations



We still need photos from July new members David & Kristina Bowles, Dairo Negrini and Justin & Kristin Ruzinok, and September new provisional member Josh Warden. We want to meet you!

## Unregistered Dinghy Engines to be Removed!

Submitted by Bill Morse and Don Rogers

On Saturday February 20, we noticed that none of the dinghy engines on the dinghy rack are tagged as to who owns them.

If you have an engine on the rack, please put a tag with your dinghy rack number, your name and phone number. Unidentifiable engines will be removed. Any engine that is removed will be put into a staging area awaiting further action. Engines that will not rotate, or are frozen will be given to a metal recycler.

Any questions, contact Bill Morse, 2021 Fleet Captain.

## Dinghy Engine Rack Rules

1. Engine owner must have a Dinghy rack assignment
2. Engines must be tagged with the owners name, phone number and dinghy rack number.
3. Owner is responsible for locking their engine to the rack
4. Engines that do not comply with #1 or #2 above will be removed.



TAMPA BAY

## A Kayak Tale

Submitted by Lisa Glaser

Deciding not to participate in the Sunday Rhumb Runners race with 3kt winds and no prediction of any more. I decided to call my friend Monika to go kayaking since the wind was perfect for that activity.

Our decision for our kayak destination would be O'Maddy's for their \$3 Sunday Mimosas.

As we crossed the bay, Monika thought spotted someone in the water. I thought it was a pelican on a mooring till I heard it yell "help". We quickly paddled over and saw a man hanging on a capsized kayak in the middle of the bay. He was wearing a lifejacket but it was dark green and difficult to see. His boat was totally submerged. A motorboat saw us — "The Gambler" — and came to help. The man was in good spirits and said he was in the water for an hour and thought no one would find him.

He was just wearing shorts and a t-shirt but was wearing a BCYC hat, which might have brought him good

luck (I don't think he was a member). He said he borrowed the kayak and didn't notice the plug was missing. That's why the boat was filling with water.



The motorboat took the man but couldn't tow the kayak since it was submerged. It was a slow paddle back to BCYC towing that heavy kayak, thanks to Monika. Thanks to Richard "Sandbar" for helping us in and dumping the water out of the kayak.

It was a happy ending but it reminded us that you should always carry a lifejacket even in a kayak (we sometimes forget) and check your equipment before you leave.

And yes we did land cruise to O'Maddy's for our \$3 Mimosas.

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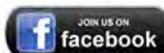
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## Rhumb Runner 2nd Race Day (Jan 24) Racing Report

Submitted by Paula Shur,  
Rhumb Runner Race Chairman

Our first race day was cancelled due to cold weather. Things were looking up for our second race day. The sun was shining and it was warm.

Commodore Roger Gilmore launched the new safety boat. Past commodore Cathy Talisman, joined him as first mate.

Sheri Ogorek, and her skilled crew, Jimmy Meyer took out Celebration with PRO SarahBeth Reeves and her trusty race committee - Debbie Roberto, Barb Meyer, and Rick Ogorek.

Capri teams - Pat Nolan and Pam Nolan, Sharlene Turner and Denise Davis, Suzanne Boohar and Meg Banitch, Juli Jacoby and Beth Berkobein, sailed to the course.

Sunfish sailors - Janet Kreutzer, Paula Shur, Ann Carroll, Chris Kelly, Joy Sheets, Carolyn Jelnicky, Bruce Kreutzer, and Ken Shur sailed to the course.

Well, not quite sailing, more of drifting on flat, glassy water.

No wind.

We floated and waited.

SarahBeth kindly and wisely ended our misery by cancelling racing.

Of course, as soon as the decision was made, little wind ripples began to appear on the water.

The wind, however, did not settle on a direction and did not last.

The Sunfish sailors held a short impromptu race with a mooring ball starting line and a sailboat rounding mark. After one lap, we called it quits.

Here's hoping the third time is a charm. Sail fast, live slow, and never be afraid to get your butt wet!

## Rhumb Runner March Report

Submitted by Barb Meyer,  
Rhumb Runner Captain

Well, the Rhumb Runner Winter/Spring series has started but we have not. On our second race day we tried to get out on the water early before the wind died completely.

No such luck; it was a big floatfest. There was a spinnaker up for a while. "The rest of the story" is at right, by Paula Shur.

We got no Valentine Day gift of good weather on the 14th. When you read this, we had better raced on the Feb 28th!

FWSA interclubs have continued to cancel. Unfortunately, we have fallen victim to the COVID guidelines like our sister clubs. The RR interclub scheduled to March 15th has been canceled. Only two interclubs remain for the season.

New this month:

Racing Education for Rhumb Runners. Tuesday the 16th with the help of Jenn Buckley, Paula Shur presented a program called, "The Rest of the Course."

So often racing focuses on the beat to the Windward mark but what happens after

that? Paula took us from the Windward mark to the finish sharing tactics for successful racing.

It was so well received that this may become a monthly class for us.

Until then, Sail fast, live slow, and never be afraid to get your butt wet!



## Have I Actually Been Out On The WATER?

Submitted by Dan Chesnut

Our wonderful newsletter editor, Jen Rogers, asked this question (with the all caps!) in the February issue, and so what have I been doing lately with this “down” time during the pandemic? Have I been boating?

You bet! For one, I take out my kayak about once a week and get some great exercise out on the bay or in Clam Bayou.

Also, a young couple getting into sailing have gone out with me on the club Capris a few times. They are great students of sailing and our club boats are always a pleasure to sail, with their easy handling and spacious cockpits that can hold three adults.

Thanks as usual to Mark Rother for keeping the Capris working so we can enjoy them.



Here is a photo, taken this winter by the husband, of his wife steering and “yours truly” keeping an eye on things:

And then there is the day I took Nancy sailing. Nancy took the BCYC Sail School and has been coming to the club lately to relax and meet some folks. This day she had a great time sailing and even did some steering.

Give us a wave, Nancy!



Now bear in mind that Nancy had not been sailing in a long while and I had not yet reviewed for her how to tack, so I tried a little dose of mischief with her, knowing she might not remember how to tack, or maybe even what tacking was.

But, I also knew she wanted to chip in and do her part proficiently to help sail the boat. So, for our first tack of the day I tried asking her without warning if she was ready to tack.

Here below is her reaction, taken from a long video I was taking while trying to also steer the boat, in the actual moment:



“Ready to tack?” the skipper suddenly asked.

What Nancy basically said was, “Sure, whatever that is!”

After talking it through, we eventually made a safe tack some time before we ran into that shore you see ahead. Nancy was a terrific crew and she had a great time.

Notice in both photos how good the breeze was? Look at the nice heel the boat has in each photo!

What a great place to go sailing. What a great place for taking out the club's kayaks and paddle boards.

Dan thinks it's all good.



## What Have the Sea Scouts Been Up To?

Submitted by Ruth Peterson

There is no doubt that Covid 19 has changed the way Sea Scouts plan their activities. That said, there is no doubt that the Sea Scouts have risen to the challenges in a mighty way. They have been meeting regularly in a modified fashion...wearing masks, taking temperature checks and meeting on the beach to do most sailing on sunfish...one sailor per boat. Occasionally they sail on a big boat wearing protective masks with all sailors staying above board the majority of the time.

Monthly quarterdeck meetings are held via Zoom with amazing efficiency and growing expertise.

The weekend of January 16 to 18th, the scouts ventured inland to the annual Alafia River Rendezvous in Homeland, Florida, to participate in a pre 1840's primitive encampment.



In preparation, they created their period correct costumes from clothing that they bought at thrift stores and reinvented to look authentic for the event. Plastic buttons either disappeared or were replaced with wooden ones. 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.

How many teens do you know who would spend their personal free time converting modern clothing into historical style clothing?

Taking a short walk from our campsite through the woods, crossing a wooden bridge over a creek, we entered the magical world of pre 1840's life. Imagine view-

ing teepees, and canvas living quarters for the first time. The encampment is laid out with dirt/grass covered lanes to form a mini village covering much of a 600 acre piece of property. Everyone became a part of the experience.

Overall, attendance was down this year but that did not diminish our experiences. Along the Fulbright Commons, vendors hawk their goods. Treasure included jewelry, leather items, multiple wood creations, pottery and ironworks, among others. I think a fan favorite for scouts and adult advisors alike was the individually fried fruit pies. My choice was strawberry rhubarb covered in cinnamon sugar. I heard that the cherry pies sold out quickly. They were DELICIOUS!

Though we camped in the "Modern" section, most scouts still slept in tents, some chopped wood and others dug our fire pit. We cooked our meals on a grill reserving the fire pit and surrounding fire circle for fun conversation, roasting s'mores and keeping warm! Yes, the scouts wore their masks faithfully when not eating or drinking. I thought that was an impressive show of respect for each others' safety.

We had a great weekend.



TAMPA BAY

# Landscape Report

Submitted by Linda and Matt Maloy

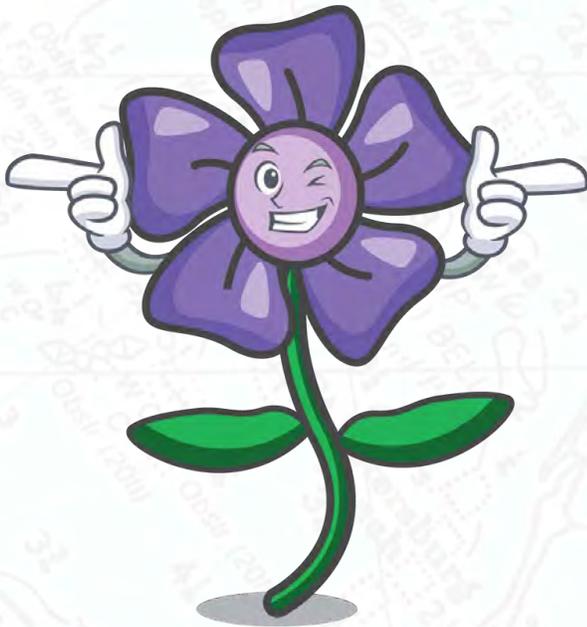
Until the risk of COVID declines all Landscaping projects will be designed for one person and to last no more than one hour. These small tasks will be scattered about the immediate clubhouse area to promote social distancing. None of them will be within 12 feet of each other and most much further.

If you feel you are too close to another project or if there are too many people around, abandon your project. We schedule our time at BCYC when the least number of people are likely to be in the area we want to work. For example, on Sunday 2/21/21, we arrived after the racers and Sea Scouts had gone sailing and left before they were likely to return.

Nothing is more important than your health.

## PROJECTS ACCOMPLISHED

### PERIWINKLES—RELOCATED



The Periwinkles were moved to a place where they can live long and prosper.

### LILIES—RESCUED



The donated Lilies, which were damaged by an unknown cause, have been put into the BCYC Plant Protection Program. If you see them, remember, they are not there.

### LIRIOPE—SET FREE



The surviving Liriopis have engaged their own security service and should not be approached. If you happen across them, drop your plant cutting device and slowly back away.

Stay safe – See you next month.

There are more Landscaping Projects to be completed in March. But we need volunteers. Please call Linda Maloy at 727-452-2379 or email [landscaping@sailbcyc.org](mailto:landscaping@sailbcyc.org) if you can help. She can provide you with a list of projects and also photos of different plants, if you need them.

Please call to let Linda know which project you can take care of so we don't have two or more people sign up for the same project. Thank you all for your support.

## Claudia Gail Gets Pampered at Salt Creek Marina

Submitted by Elizabeth Hendricks

After owning Claudia Gail, a Nonsuch 26 for two years, I finally invested in a bottom job.

When I contacted Salt Creek Marina in October 2020, the first opening was on Jan 12, 2021 at 1 pm. I was looking forward to a nice sail to Tampa Bay.

However, Tues Jan 12 was a very cold, windy day. Mike Cook offered to help me. We left at 8:30 am. Rain was forecasted so we brought rain jackets. It didn't rain but we were blasted by a very cold, strong wind as we motored along. We wore our hooded North Face and Columbia rain jackets and every piece of clothing we brought. I had three layers of pants and two pairs of socks on!

The bottom job including haul out was quoted at \$1,300. I decided to upgrade to Pettit SR60 Ultima ablative paint. Two gallons at \$95 each added \$180 to the bill.

Owner Tom Hanson said the hull was in good shape. There was very little paint left but no blisters. However, there was a crack on both sides of the rudder. They would fix it with a fiberglass patch. Fee was \$300. There were six other small areas that they repaired for another \$300.

Tom recommended the boat be detailed which included an acidic bath, compounding, wax and buff. Cost was \$426.

The results were better than expected. The hull is actually a light grey and there's a white racing stripe at the waterline, above the blue bottom paint.

The total bill came to \$2,512. I am very impressed with Salt Creek Marina's work! Tom kept in contact with me with recommendations, options and pricing. Claudia Gail spent 17 days in the yard.

On Jan 29, Claudia was splashed. My friend, Paul Rice and I boarded the boat in the sling. We were told to check through hulls for leaks.

However, we could not take the doors out of the companionway. They were so tight! The travel lift operator said it might help if he lowered the boat further into

the water first.

That worked! The boat hull takes its shape when it is completely in the water.

The trip from Salt Creek Marina to BCYC under motor only took three hours. We just made the 2 pm bridge opening at Structure E. It started out cold but the sun came out and clothing layers were cast off.

My first race day with a clean bottom was the best

on record! During the Feb 21 club race, we crossed the finish line 3rd in the first race and 2nd in the second race!





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TAMPA BAY

## A Club Race Day

Submitted by Barb Meyer

This author reserves the right to combine fact with fiction, names maybe changed to protect the innocent.

To support club racing I was volunteered to help with Race Committee. Of course I dragged (*choose your own definition*) my poor spouse along for the day. My skill set is with small boat racing, so I approached the day with some apprehension. I collected all my paraphernalia just like any prudent Principal Race Officer (PRO) would do. Compass check, horn check, timer check, wind indicator check, radio check, racing rules check (*should have thrown the latter overboard*). Yep, I was ready, so with head held high and shoulders back, I entered the club only to discover we had shown up an hour early. So, the grumpy spouse headed back to the car to catch a few z's.

I studied the racers as they wandered in. OK there's a big boat owner, then a few small boats, a giddy Capri racer shows up, really, it's blowing like stink outside!

Now for the skipper's meeting. Mark Rother flipped the course and added starboard roundings. Ok, that sounds like fun. A's here and B's there, but I have it figured out. Without fail, there was a little man-splaining that went on, but I held my own, after all I was the "PRO."

Mike Pilert had graciously offered his boat for race committee so off we went with the faulty carbon monoxide alarm serenading us all the way. Jillian Reed joined us to volunteer and if you don't know her, she has been a member since 2016 and is an accomplished sailor. It was a pleasure getting to know her and I sincerely hope I didn't scare her off!

Setting the course. Well, let's just say after an inaudible discussion (*bow to stern*) of where to drop the marks I relented and deferred to Mike. A trigonometry professor would be proud because in no way did the course resemble a common square or triangle. Mind you, I did clock gusts at 23 knots later in the day. Mark dropped the pin end of the start / finish line. He assured me he would make the pin end favored...hmmm not so much. You could see the whites of some finishers' eyes.

Most of the six boats checked in and we started the sequence. Radio, flags, timers, pens and paper were in motion! 5 seconds to the class flag down...5, 4, 3, 2,



1, horn! OMG we did it, and then a second time too!

Baby Godzilla devoured the course like his big brother demolishing Tokyo. The giddy Capri team got knocked down making a jacuzzi out of the boat. But hey, Capris are self-righting and bailing so they picked up the race

right were they left off. Then there was Claudia Gail with a cockpit full of women and one token male. (*I'll let you guess who it was. Hint: one of the most courteous men*

*around and his initials are M.R.*)

Even in the heavy air the boat



gracefully and ever so gently glided through her tacks. Bob A Buoy was the hardest racing boat out there. Kudos to Yvonne and her crew of one for persevering.

The coolest boats to watch race were the two Cape Dory Typhoons. Their silhouettes cast glimmering lines on the water. Team Dochoda and Team White made those boats go! I will say one of the boats was showing off her green hull.

So, who won?? How did boats place? Only James Mason knows, because I must learn PHRF scoring.

Maybe the scores will appear in the newsletter and then maybe not.

This, for the most part, has been tongue in cheek. I had the best time out there. I learned a lot, especially what not to do! Oh, and next time I'll leave the spouse home. Just kidding—he's stuck with me.

Keeping high and dry,

Babs

PS: Giddy Capri racer; alias Captain Sandbar

## February Race Results

### Start Race 1—1:36:00

Name	Rating	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Position
Bob A Buoy	260	2:13:11	37.183 min	33.725 min	6
Claudia Gail	270	2:10:37	34.617	31.037	4
Typhoon Doch.	318	2:12:36	36.433	30.957	3
Capri Walters	261	2:09:24	33.400	30.257	2
Godzilla	180	2:02:45	26.750	26.750	1
Typhoon White	318	2:14:34	38.567	32.770	5

### Start Race 2—1:26:00

Name	Rating	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Position
Bob A Buoy	260		43.283 min	39.258 min	6
Claudia Gail	270		40.333	36.163	4
Typhoon Doch.	318		40.733	34.611	3
Capri Walters	261		36.933	33.458	2
Godzilla	180		27.567	27.597	1
Typhoon White	318		43.133	36.650	5

## Meanwhile, Down on the Farm...

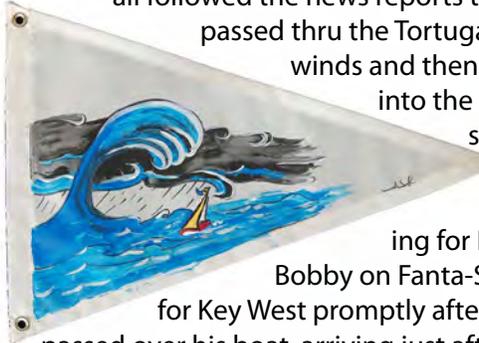


The unstoppable crew of The Sandbar Lounge repair storm damage done to the patio. Paul Stiffler enlisted help from his neighbor who has an award winning antique Farmall tractor. See Tony's Flag Report for details and the back cover for the finished product.

# From the Desk of Your Flag Officer

Submitted by Tony Angel

Preceding Hurricane Eta, **Bob Cavillo** sailed his 28 ft. **FANTA-SEA** down to meet up with the BCYC cruise to the Tortugas. As the weather forecast turned progressively worse, Phong Long and Asa grabbed a mooring ball in the Garrison Bite bay of Key West. Most of the BCYC group holed up in Charlotte Harbor. They all followed the news reports that Eta



passed thru the Tortugas with high winds and then took a loop into the Gulf to gain strength before heading for Key West.

Bobby on Fanta-Sea headed for Key West promptly after the storm passed over his boat, arriving just after dark and just before Eta arrived to blow him around a second time. Bob and Fanta-Sea have earned the "Good Ole Boat" Flag.

**Our Past Commodore and Guy** headed down on the club cruise to the Tortugas. With a warm sun rising, Guy asked Cathy to release the traveler so they could put up the



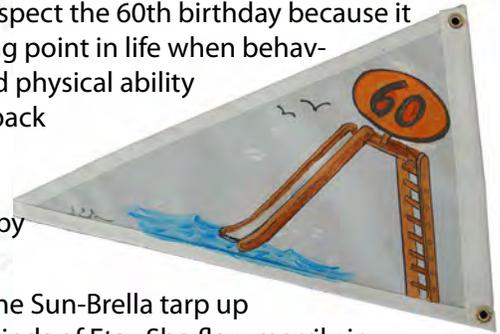
Bimini. Cathy released the traveler line to find that it was really the "Topping Lift" and the boom came down on the head of Elizabeth Hendricks, sending her down the companionway. Later,

after a night at Tween Waters, Guy sailed back north in and out of the channel until they found sand. **THE RACHEL** struck ground at 6 Knots and flipped Elizabeth a second time but this time she landed on a berth.

The Rachel certainly earned a "Grounding flag" and a "Boink flag".

In February **Guy O'Connor** spent 2 days in the kitchen preparing a magnificent dinner for his own birthday and several guests who came in celebration.

At BCYC we respect the 60th birthday because it marks a turning point in life when behavior, mental and physical ability start to head back down-hill. God bless you Guy, Happy Birthday.



The club left the Sun-Brella tarp up through the winds of Eta. She flew merrily in the 60 knot winds and pulled one of the telephone poles loose to dance on the wind. The site of this condition was more than **Paul Stiffler** (our resident G.C.) could bear to watch, and in February he showed up with a friend on a red tractor. The pole now sinks deeper into the ground and it is bedded in concrete. A "Good Tractor Lollypop" flag goes to Paul.



Near sunset in December **Mixer and Diane** returned from a sail on the bay. They turned their boat, **SEAGAL**, around in the fairway to back it down into its slip. At least that was the plan. The breeze caught the boat a-beam and it drifted toward the slip pilings. Diane put the boat in forward and Mixer ran up and down the side fending off as the anchor equipped bow headed for other boats. Upon their next attempt, a strong gust sent them into a neighboring slip, cleaning off the barnacles on a pole as they went. Amid tense communication, crunching and squeaking sounds were heard. A kayaker who had turned in to come home headed back into the bay.

At last, SeaGal eased back into her slip and the basin quieted down. Several of our tie-poles have been cleaned of their barnacles.



Mixer and Diane, (who usually only screw up when no one's looking) have earned the "Slip Dancing" flag.

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**Flag Officer's Report**, continued from previous page



**Braden Everly and Alicia Dunlap** brought a beautiful Seaward 25 into our dry-storage lot several months ago.

They are new to sailing this boat and they are coping with the learning curve we all went through. When Eta blew through they discovered that the roller reefing of the Jib needs to be tied off to avoid a trip to the sail loft for repairs.

The other day, Braden invented a trick that no other sailor has pulled off in my term as Flag Officer.

He managed to get the halyard wrapped in the prop. A new flag goes to this couple to start their collection.

**And Speaking of Flags... The Passing of the Officer Flags in Times of CoVid**

Without an Installation Banquet, how do you "pass the flags" from the outgoing Flag Officers to the incoming Flag Officers? Well, in the age of Covid and social distancing, you get creative!

Thank god for telescoping boat hook/paddle combos!



*Cathy Talisman passing the flag to Roger Gilmore (Commodore)*



*Roger Gilmore passing the flag to Jenn Buckley (Vice Commodore)*



*Lisa Glaser passing the flag to Jonathan Cornwell (Secretary) who really, REALLY wanted that flag!*



*Jenn Buckley passing the Rear Commodore flag (& office!) to John McLeod.*



Jenn standing in for outgoing Treasurer Lezlee Kramer to pass the flag to Nina Berkheiser.



Jenn standing in for outgoing Assistant Treasurer Marty Southard to pass the flag to George Anderson.



James Masson passing the Fleet Captain flag to Bill Morse.



Lisa, Roger, and Jenn (standing in for Nick Southard) passing the flag to Cathy Talisman (Past Commodore)

## So, What Else Have We Been Doing?



Kayaking  
(Elizabeth  
and friend)



Sailing  
(Sea Scouts)



Napping  
(Mia)

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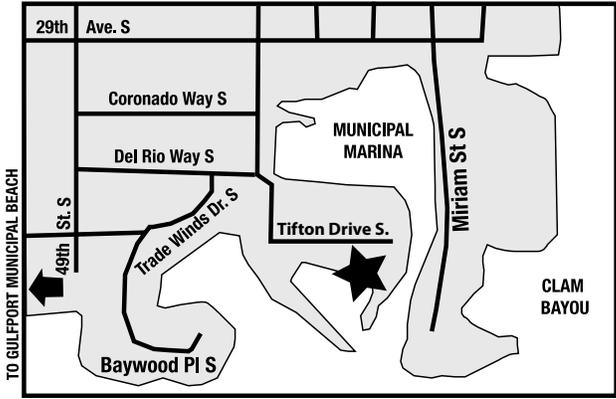


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