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Sailing Singles of South Florida
Website

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Upcoming Events

1/7 General Meeting - Zoom 1/9 Drive in Movie Night 1/23 Change of Command

## From the Helm January 2021

My Dear Fellow Members of SSSF,

I am usually not at a loss for words but writing this "From the Helm" has been particularly hard for me. I don't know where to start. There are so many things to discuss including the sadness that we've lost yet another loving Member, John Mager, this month. I am sure I am in step with saying we will all miss him and send our deepest condolences to his family.

With that being said there are seemingly a million things to cover in this "From the Helm" or (Commodores' Comments). We have so much going on...from:

- GETTING OUR BOATS BACK ON THE WATER AGAIN!!
- making sure we are participating in safe boating
- updating the websites look AND making it easier to navigate
- getting rid of our old out of commission facebook page (you think that's easy?)

### Schedule of Events

### **Upcoming Events:**

1/7/2021 - General Meeting - Zoom

1/9/2021 - Drive In Movie Night

1/14/2021 – Social - Galuppi's

1/21/2021 - Social - Galuppi's

1/28/2021 - Social - Galuppi's

1/23/2021 - Change of Command

### Happy January & February birthdays!

Wendy McCarthy – 01/01 Zulma Candelario – 01/02 Jim McBrayer – 01/03 Paul Renneisen – 01/15 Maria Lopez – 01/18 Lenore Stern –Morris – 01/29 Sabrina Baron – 02/02 Rich Jove – 02/05 Christine Goodwin – 02/12 Henry Levenson – 02/12 Beverly D'Amico – 02/17 Lynette Beal – 02/21 Victoria Hagendorf – 02/21 Maritza Pulignani – 02/23 Natalie Rouse – 02/26 James Zenone – 02/27

- making it easier to upload your photos from our events
- considering a place to have next years' COC
- gathering updated information for the Pink Book (hint hint we need your info and picture now pls.)
- reinventing a place to highlight why our club is so terrific
- socials at Galuppis...Mardi Gras is coming up (Feb 11) dress the part...
- MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!!!
- our first Beach Bash (Feb 27)—a great time to get to know each other while safely distancing with a lot of wind!
- birthdays...(who wants to remember them?)
- we need committee members who would like to assist with our Club events

And believe it or not this is not even ¼ of what we are trying to do OR HAVE TO DO. Jump on our next Zoom call...or guess what...we might just be able to meet at Stinger's outside! They want us back...just pray for warmer weather.

I'll end with this. This year is going to make everyone feel great again. And our Club is going to do a great job helping those feelings along. After being in such a dark tunnel for a year its time we try and resume our lives...but I am asking for everyone's help to make this a safe—very safe—journey. Please let no one participate in a spreader event. Please everyone do your best to follow the science. Please guard your fellow sailors...this summer will be the first time we'll have had our own Circle Raft Up. Let no one get sick because we'll need every boat. Get ready for one of the best raft ups ever. Captain Kelly will be our Raftmaster.

Fair winds to all,

Brian



### John Mager

We are greatly saddened with the loss of our esteemed Club Member, John Mager. He was a contributing Member for many years, as well as being loved and adored by all that knew him

May he rest in peace!

# 2021 Change of Command 1/23/2021



2021 Commodore - Brian Brown

### 2021 Board members



Thank you to the 2020 Board!!



## 2020 Captains





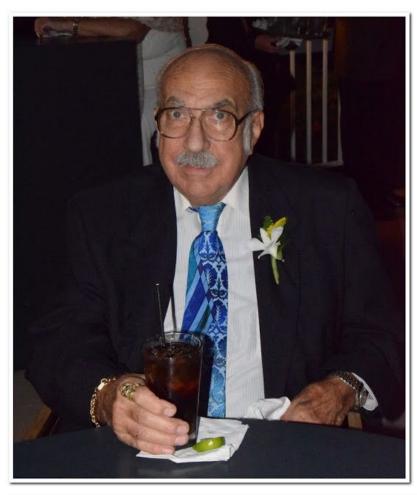






















See more photos on our Facebook page

### Keeping the Club Informed

The Board has made the following change to the Policies and Procedures:

Section XVIII. Outstanding Service Award: The Outstanding Service Award is presented to a member who has made significant contributions to the Club and has a history of working for the good of the club throughout his/her year(s) of membership. The Board of Directors selects the candidate for Outstanding Service Award.

has been revised to:

Section XVIII. Outstanding Service Award: The Outstanding Service Award is presented to a member who has made significant contributions to the Club for the current calendar year. All members in good standing are eligible. The Social Director will request recommendations for nominees from the Board members prior to the November Board meeting. The Nominees are then compiled by the Social Director and are presented to the Board at the December Board meeting, along with how they have contributed for that year. The Board then votes, by secret ballot, for the nominee they would like to receive the award. The decision is kept secret by the Commodore and announced at the Change of Command.

#### Welcome the SSSF 2021 Board of Directors

Commodore: Brian Brown

**Vice Commodore**: Elyse Greene

Secretary: Iris Voorhees Treasurer: Nancy Widener

Membership: Ben Nahabedian

Newsletter: Linda Cusmano Social Chair: Arlene Sprenger Sailing Director: Rich Luce Fleet Captain: Kelly Dobbs InformationTechnology:

Cheryl Lutz