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Happy April & May Birthdays!

Tony Dela Cruz – 04/05	Anne Ekstrom - 05/03
Gabe Forray – 4/10	Robert Betteral - 5/08
Gabriela Manley – 04/11	Brunhilda Perez - 05/12
Anne Snearly – 04/12	Cheryl Lutz - 05/14
Michael Cushmanick – 04/14	Walter Schildt - 05/14
Bill Roberts – 04/16	Jim Williams - 05/15
Ron Kulick – 04/29	John Foy - 05/18
	Diana Faure - 05/24
	Annette De Rosa - 05/25
	Camille Galindo - 05/28
	Cindy Kehoe - 05/28
	Francois Larose - 05/30

From the Helm

As we draw close to another “end of the month, a beginning of a new one” we are all very encouraged that things are sort of returning to normal. We are getting more raft ups--as I write this there are several Club boats converging to meet at Lake Sylvia—and I sorely miss being there but you all know why. In a couple of weeks things for me should be back to normal.

While on the subject of rafting up and boating events I want to address a very sensitive subject. We have an issue that has arisen in the Club: People who are vaccinated and people who are not. Why is this an issue? Because on raft ups Captains who are vaccinated most likely want Crew who are vaccinated. And most—if not all according to my data--of our Captains have decided to vaccinate.

Please let's not let this issue divide us...vaccinated versus non-vaccinated Club Members. We ALL get to choose what we want in our bodies. If you are vaccinated, I don't feel that we should be biased against those who do not wish to get vaccinated.

However, the rules of the Club have always been, its up to the Captains to decide what crew is on their boats...even on day sails and this was the case before Covid. In ending on this subject please...please be respectful to our fellow Club Members that don't want to get vaccinated; but, for those Club Members that don't want to be vaccinated please understand the other side of the process as well. I'm sorry I had to take so much time covering that.

Next, we have lots of good news. As I mentioned we are all coming together to do our favorite thing and that's Raft Ups! Rich Luce, our Sailing Director is back kicking butt putting together some fantastic outings. Yes we were off to a slow start because of Covid but now things are opening up and people are feeling better about getting together. GET READY TO PARTY!!! Don't we all need that so much?

I'll probably say this over and over again...we've got to give Arlene our Social Director the biggest shout out and say thanks. She's designed activities that have kept us safe—do you realize that our Club was NOT responsible for a spreader event and no one got sick? And at the same time she designed and hosted some wonderful events that have kept us from losing our minds. Way to go Arlene!

We are close to launching our new and really cool clothing line (no ugly tshirts!). Fellow sailors please keep in mind that there are several distinct purposes for launching the clothing line. One, we are using it to help close a budget gap...two we are using this to advertise the club...and three I happen to think it will be great for us to show up at events wearing our Club gear lookin' all spiffy and like we are a team. Thank Committee Member Cathy Harper for all of her hard work.

Our IT Director Cheryl has been working hard too...she's got some very interesting new tech products for us to consider. Try your best to have an open heart on using them...she's spent a lot of time chasing them...all for the benefit of the Club to make communicating and socializing easier.

Please welcome Carol Rapport as our Membership Director, she's taking over with Ben, Terry, Paul and Beverly at her side as Membership Committee Members. The position has morphed into being a very technical one and a lot of it is now on the web. Most Club members were given Club business cards at Galuppis—please give them out. We have plenty more...and that will help us get new members too.

That's it for this month. Sorry I am wordy...as our Mainsheet Director always accuses me of being...but there's a lot going on and I want to share it with all of you.

With hopes that your sails are full of wind and your seas calm,

Brian
Commodore

SOS training

April 10, 2021



The Spring SOS was held on April 10, at the Sailor's Point in Hollywood. What a great event! Weather was perfect. We all learned alot. Thank you to our instructors and for all those that participated!

The classes included for the day:

Kelly Dobbs - Boat Systems

Debi DeKiel - Marine Radio

Max Goldstein - Knots

Arlene Sprenger - Boat Etiquette

Elyse Green - Navigation

More photos available on our website

Beach Bash

April 17, 2021



Our Beach bash this month was a HOT one.....water and shade were the words of the day!

This was held at Fort Lauderdale beach across from Hugh Taylor Birch State park.

More photos available on our website.

Welcome the SSSF 2021 Board of Directors

Commodore: Brian Brown Vice Commodore: Elyse Greene Secretary: Iris Voorhees Treasurer: Nancy Widener Membership: Carol Rapport	Newsletter: Linda Cusmano Social Chair: Arlene Sprenger Sailing Director: Rich Luce Fleet Captain: Kelly Dobbs Information Technology: Cheryl Lutz
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