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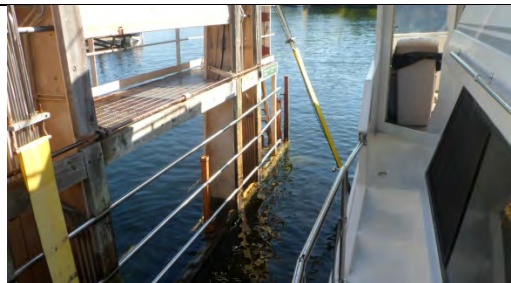
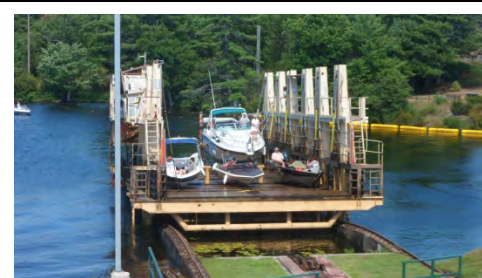
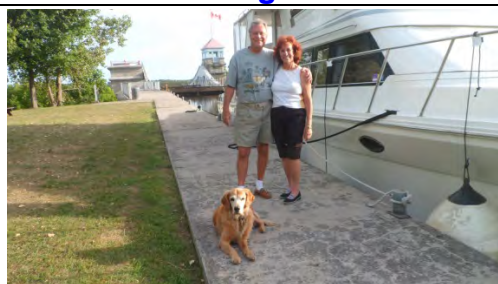
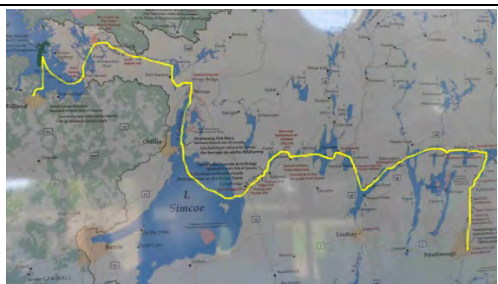
August, 2012

Lynette Beal was the Crew Chief for a LUAU PARTY held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Bob Misfud's home. Hula contests, limbo contests, and dancing were the norm! As usual, there was also enough food to feed an army. Thanks Lynette and Bill for being Crew Chiefs. Thanks Bob for the use of your home.



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Mary Serfaty and David Caulkett were crew aboard M/Y Knotty Mind, captained by Bill Hirsch, from July 18 to August 2, 2012 to transit the Trent-Severn Waterway in Ontario Canada. Joining the humans was crew dog Scuttlebutt.



Members might not know of this waterway, but I know you know the dogs!!!

General Meeting August 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Charles at 7:50.

Newsletter Report: Rich stated that he has gotten his computer and software issues resolved and published the May newsletter today. He said that he will have the June newsletter online by tomorrow and July by next week.

Vice Commodore's Report: Marie discussed the upcoming SOS which is planned for Sept 29th Location to be announced. She stated that Dot will have the Pinkbooks for anyone still needing to get theirs.

Treasurer's Report: Max stated the amount in the club checking account.

Boat Owner's Rep Report: Mary Ann stated that she is working with the captains to plan a sailing trip to Miami for Labor Day weekend Sept 1, 2,& 3.

Membership Director's Report: Dot stated we currently have 188 members.

Social Director's Report: Nancy discussed the upcoming schedule:

Aug 11, 2012 - Luau party at Bob M's Crew chief at this party will be Lynette. Clean up volunteers are needed.

Aug 25, 2012 - Poker party at Sands Hotel

Sept 22, 2012 - Boatathon

Oct 6-7, 2012 - Columbus Day regatta

Oct 27, 2012 - Fantasy Fest

Nov 22, 2012 - Thanksgiving dinner at Dot's

Dec 8, 2012 - Holiday Party

Dec 15, 2012 - Boat Parade

Sailing Director's Report: Debi is planning the Poker Run for August 25th. There will be a total of 5 stops to obtain the poker hands. The final stop (and party) will be at the Sands Hotel on the Intercoastal north of Atlantic Blvd. The club will purchase wings and meatball appetizers. She requested 2 captains to volunteer their boats as dealer boats.

The commodore encouraged all members to participate in the Poker Run.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Thank You, Captain James Bradford!

On Saturday, 28 July, the Enterprise got underway with Jane Haughian, Patricia Somers, and Ed Lewis. We had planned to sail to Miami Beach.

In recent months, the Yanmar diesel engine has been overheating at high RPMs and progressively getting hot at lower RPMs. I had changed the raw water impeller, check the thermostat, cleaned the raw water strainer, and changed the fresh water cooling system fluid. I thought I had solved the problem.

After we left the dock and the canal and entered the ICW at 2,000 RPM, the engine alarm sounded. We made the Las Olas Bridge opening and I reduced the RPM to 1,000. In the past, after a few minutes, the engine would cool down. Not this time. I was concerned about damaging a \$10,000 Yanmar diesel engine, so I headed for the shoal area near the entrance to Lake Sylvia. We grounded softly and shut down the engine.

On channel 9, I could hear Captain James requesting an opening at the Las Olas Bridge. I hailed him and asked him if he could tow the Enterprise to the 17 St. Bridge. Not only did he agree, but he waited for the bridge to open and towed us to the turning basin, where we raised our main and sailed out for the day.

Upon returning, we had the same problems, so we anchored by the small beach at the edge of the channel. Like dead road kill, instantly, we were approached by three different tow boats, offering "help." Instead, I could hear Captain James on the VHF radio and I could see the Viking Princess flying a pink flag entering the channel. So I hailed Capt. James for a second tow.

He was willing to tow us to the entrance of our channel but I suggested that he tow us to Lake Sylvia.

We anchored the Enterprise in Lake Sylvia and the Viking Princess rafted up to the big "E." Capt. James put on SCUBA gear and cleaned his prop and changed the zincs. As the sun got low in the horizon, the Viking Princess got underway to its dock.

The Enterprise crew had a BBQ on deck, good conversation and music. In the morning, after coffee, I lowered the inflatable with the davits into the water. After breakfast, and with the crew's help, the dinghy was secured to the portside after quarter. Then Jane took command of the dinghy and supplied the thrust to move the Enterprise. She was able to get the Enterprise up to 4 knots. I was able to steer the raft-up with the Enterprise's rudder. We finally cleared the Las Olas Bridge and at the entrance to Iles of Venice canal, I started the Enterprise engine and made an uneventful landing at the home dock.

Overall, the cruise was a good exercise of towing techniques, boat handling, using a brand new inflatable, outboard motor, and lifting crane. It all worked as I had envisioned it would.

Again, Thanks Capt. James for your help and patience!

Capt. Dick

Just an FYI for our Club

According to the Bahamas Tourism website the cutoff between a \$150 and \$300 entry fee for vessels is now 30'. The change supposedly took effect on 7/18.

The following is copied from the Bahamas Tourism website. If you want to check it yourself go to: <http://www.bahamas.com/vacation-planning/customs-immigration>

If entering The Bahamas by boat, there is a flat fee to clear Customs and Immigration, which is \$150.00 for boats 30 feet and under and \$300.00 for boats 31 feet and over. This covers a vessel with three persons or less. Also included is a cruising permit, a fishing permit, Customs and Immigration charges and the \$25.00 Departure Tax is waived for up to three persons. Each additional person above three will be charged \$25.00 Departure Tax. In Grand Bahama the Departure Tax is \$28.00. If you plan to stay longer than 12 months, special arrangement must be made with Bahamas Customs and Immigration.

Sailboats are one of humankind's first and most revolutionary transportation inventions. Powered mainly by the wind, these simple but incredible machines opened up new pathways for international trade, exploration and cultural exchange, which shaped the modern world.

Although no one knows when the first sailboat was built, archeologists have found remains of primitive canoe-like vessels dating back to ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. Since then, boat design has developed steadily to enhance speed, maneuverability and cargo load, reflecting unique aesthetic and technological innovations.

For example, to construct their signature dragon-headed boats, Vikings used axes rather than saws to cut longer, lighter pieces of wood that allowed for faster travel. These longboats, called drakkar, dominated the seas by taking advantage of wind in their square sail for long distances and of oarsmen for swift attacks. Later, 15th-century Chinese junk boats with their distinct scalloped sails were so well-crafted to withstand regional typhoons that they reached the east coast of Africa and the Persian Gulf more than 50 years before European explorers. Today, specialized racing yachts slice through the water at speeds faster than the wind.

While these amazing ships range in size and capability, all are linked by the fundamental elements of the common sailboat. Whether large or small, vessels of the past and present share the same flotation and movement abilities. In this article, we are going to explore how the basic parts of a sailboat work together, how physics principles allow them to float and move and how sailboat design continues to evolve.

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Future Events:

SSSF LUAU PARTY, Saturday, August 11, 2012, 7pm, Bob Misfud's home, 2780 NE 16th St., Pompano Beach 33062

Sept 2 - Sunday Jazz Brunch- Riverwalk

Boatathalon theme is Holidays - Bahia Cabana Sept. 22

Fall SOS September 29th

SOS Sail September 30th (weather permitting)

Columbus Day Regatta October 6-8

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk October 7

Poker Run – Sands Hotel October 13

Toga Party at Jim Buckmaster's Home October 20

Bus trip to Fantasy Fest October 27

Halloween Party at Bob Mifsud's home (Pirates & Wenches) November 3

Thanksgiving at Dot's November 22

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk December 2

Sunday Jazz Brunch, Riverwalk November 4

December 8 - Holiday Party at Galuppi's - cost to members \$30; non members \$45.00 - PLEASE GET YOUR CHECK TO Nancy Widener ASAP, SEATING IS LIMITED.

Boat Parade December 15th

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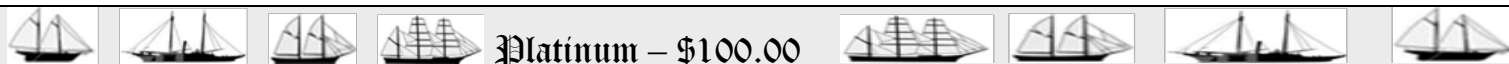
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