

Main Sheet

Sailing Singles of South Florida



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Happy New Year (yes, we're still catching up, newsletter-wise)

— Max Goldstein

Like kids listening to their iPods, the Volume is set to 24, so at the end of this year, the Sailing Singles of South Florida will be 25 years old! We are working on a silver anniversary party which will be broadcast as Silver Alerts on the dot matrix signs on I-95 and the turnpike. All we have to do is get the OK from the Florida DOT (which has apparently hit a few snags, so just keep an eye out for emails and future newsletters).

For now, here are some pictures from the Winterfest Boat Parade raft-up. Went very well this year: no one asked us to break up into smaller raft-ups, no errant meteors, and no parade boat pile-ups. Carnival Triumph was supposed to supply the food and entertainment (not sure what went wrong there), but everyone had a good time anyway.



More pictures on Page 3

Commodore: Debi Hallmark CommodoreSSSF@SailingSingles.org	Schedule of Events
Vice Commodore: Pam Angel ViceCommodoreSSSF@SailingSingles.org	2/28/13 - Recognize February Birthdays at the Lauderdale Grill at 7:00 PM
Secretary: Gillian O'Neil SecretarySSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/3/13 - Jazz Brunch from 11:00am-2:00 PM
Treasurer: Nikki McSweeney TreasurerSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/7/13 - General Meeting at Universal Palms at 7:30 PM
Membership: Patricia Greene MembershipDirSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/9/13 - St Patrick's Day Parade on Las Olas Blvd. in Ft Lauderdale. Wear Green & Dress up if you feel the Irish spirit!! Bring your coolers and chairs and party at Huizenga Park after the parade where there will be music and fun - 12:00 PM. See Page 5
Newsletter: Max Goldstein NewsletterDirSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/14/13- SSSF St. Patrick's Party at the Lauderdale Grill. Wear Green and continue the Luck of the Irish!!! - 7:00 PM
Social Director: Lynette Beal SocialDirSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/21/13 - SSSF Social at Lauderdale Grill-7:00 PM
Sailing Director: Stan Dekiel SailingDirSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/22/13 - SSSF Evening Cocktail Party & Fashion Show - Clothes provided by the Prissy Hen. Some SSSF members will model. The event will be held at Marie Alcazar's Condominium- Parliament House - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM See Page 5
Boat Owners Representative: Rich Hustins BoatOwnersRepSSSF@SailingSingles.org	3/28/13 - Recognize March Birthdays at the Lauderdale Grill - 7:00 PM
Internet Producer: Marialda Cabral WebMasterSSSF@SailingSingles.org	4/4/13 - General Meeting Universal Palms - 7:30 PM
Advertisers Business Card 2"x3.5" Members \$50 per annum Non-Members \$100 per annum Make check payable to SSSF Contact: Max Goldstein Phone: (954) 296-3411 TreasurerSSSF@SailingSingles.org	4/6/13 – SOS at Las Olas Marina See Page 7
	4/7/13 - Jazz Brunch at 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
	4/11/13 - 4/18/13 SSSF Social at the Lauderdale Grill - 7:00 PM
	4/25/13 - Recognize April Birthdays at the Lauderdale Grill - 7:00 PM
	Check out our new line of SSSF products! Cynthia Hollen has set up an on-line store for our product line, where you can purchase various items with our SSSF logo. Please visit: http://www.cafepress.com/sailingsingles to see what's for sale. (and we do get a small percentage of all purchases).





February and March Birthdays

	Pam Angel.....03/01
	Stan Dekiel.....03/01
	Ron Perea.....03/06
	Jerry Wasserman.....03/07
Edward W. White.....02/03	Ben Nahabedian.....03/09
Paul Orr.....02/08	Renee Wylie.....03/09
Mary Serfaty.....02/08	Jim Price.....03/09
Louise Albert.....02/11	Sheila O'Neil.....03/10
Carol Rappaport.....02/12	Vincent Giudice.....03/12
Jan Kerlin.....02/14	Carol Anne Call.....03/13
Beverly D'Amico.....02/17	Deborah Burns.....03/16
Lynette Beal.....02/21	Elda Villalobos.....03/22
Chuck Hansen.....02/24	John-Henry Falk.....03/26

Happy St Patrick's Day Parade & Festival Saturday 3/9/13

SSSF Let's Meet in Front of the Riverside Hotel
on Las Olas Blvd at 11:30am

The Parade is 12:00pm-1:30pm

We Can Then Walk to Huizenga Plaza
for the Irish Festival!!!


Food, Beverages, Crafts, Irish Dancers. etc.

Bring a Blanket or Chair

Wear GREEN and Dress Up!!!

City & County Parking Garages Nearby \$5.00

This is not a Club-sponsored event but everyone is
invited to attend



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You are invited to the
SSSF 25th Anniversary Fashion Show
(This is not the 25th Anniversary party, which is
upcoming)

March 22, 2013

Parliament House (First Floor Hospitality Room)

405 N. Ocean Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Reception- 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Hors'DOeuvres & Champagne, Wine (2 Drink
Tickets)

Fashion Show from 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

SSSF Models!!!

Clothes provided by the Prissy Hen

One free door prize ticket

Door prize tickets available for purchase

Public parking across the street required

Attendant will direct you

Ticket Price: \$15.00 SSSF Members

\$25.00 for Guests

All SSSF Men & Women are welcome!!

Capacity 50!!! Buy Tickets Early

See Lynette Beal SSSF Social Director for Tickets

Lynette, SSSF Social Director

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The Barefoot Bandit

– David W. Caulkett

As I walked into the Marsh Harbor Market on July 7, 2010 the “Wanted – Colton Harris-Moore” poster stared me down. Like other SSSF members I was in the Bahamas to sail and party the Abacos Regatta. At the time I did not realize the Barefoot Bandit was lurking nearby. Nor did I realize until returning to Florida that Colt later that evening burgled a restaurant and had the audacity to surf the net and munch down a meal during the burglary. After the restaurant job he stole an expensive go-fast boat and surreptitiously motored right past several club boats anchored in Marsh Harbor. Colt’s luck finally ran out on July 11, 2010 when he ran aground on a sandbar as he tried to flee pursuing Royal Bahamian Police who shot out the engine.

My curiosity being stoked I read the book “The Barefoot Bandit – The True Tale of Colton Harris-Moore, New American Outlaw” to learn that the legendary 19 year old kid from Washington State had eluded municipal police, Sheriffs from Washington State to Illinois, FBI, TSA, DOD and FAA for about three years. The Barefoot Bandit had a penchant for Snickers bars, leaving an outline of his feet, stealing Escalades and stealing, flying and crashing planes. Colton Harris-Moore might well be recognized as the most legendary bandit of recent decades. If you order a used copy which you can find on the web for \$7 including shipping, I suspect you will be as captivated with the book as I was. If that doesn’t work for you, the movie will be out in the future.

SSSF Board Meeting - January 28, 2013

Meeting called to order: 7.00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8.55 pm

Present: Debi, Pam, Nikki, Marielda, Stan, Lynette, Gillian, Max

Absent: Patricia, Rich.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Commodore’s Report:

Debi informed us that we have achieved most of the objectives we set at our strategy session. The SSSF e-mail site Blue Host is now up and running and we should check for messages every day.

If members are not receiving e-mails they should check with Patricia or Marielda, who will also add new members. Those members who did not renew will be removed from the roster on February 15.

Debi will contact Spinnaker Sponsors after the membership renewal period ends, deliver posters to the boat yards next week, and check on the cost of wrist bands. She would like to encourage board members to focus on making new members feel welcome at our social events.

Vice-Commodore Report:

Pam confirmed April 20 would be the date for the first SOS, with two tracks, beginners and advanced.

(**Note:** The SOS has since been changed to April 6.)

The classes will be from 12-4 pm with a potluck immediately after that. She will assign members to a specific group (by color or shape) and requests that they follow the schedule and stay with that group to prevent overcrowding on the teaching boats.

Ethel Facundo has agreed to organize the pot luck dinner. She will decide on the menu and then inform the participants about what to bring. There will also a break during the training and water and juice will be provided. So lots of ice and coolers will be needed.

The second part of the SOS – sail – will be on the following day, arranged by Stan. A photo shoot will be arranged for the Captains who participate.

Some members questioned the \$40 charge for non-members, so Debi and Pam decided that non-member participants should pay \$40, and members who cannot attend the SOS for personal reasons will be able to attend the BBQ and bring something to share.

So here’s the plan now, a bit cumbersome perhaps, but it is consistent with our goal of encouraging membership.

For members:

Attending the SOS – bring a dish to share

BBQ only – bring a dish to share or pay \$10 (optional, if more convenient)

Non-members:

Attending SOS with member – bring a dish to share and pay \$40.

BBQ only with member – bring a dish to share and pay \$10.

The member is responsible for paying any fees for non-members. It might be a good idea to have applications on hand just in case someone would like to save \$40!

Pam reported an issue with Pete Ackerman concerning the splicing class. She has asked Debi to follow up with him.

Treasurer:

Nikki has opened a new checking account at BB&T. Max is working on clearing up old accounts. He states there is \$ in BB&T and \$ in the old account before COC expenses. Most of the renewal fees have been deposited although some are still outstanding. Nikki is investigating the tax charges from COC and Christmas parties which may result in a significant reduction of the club’s expenses for both parties. Both facilities require a copy of our tax exempt status before the refunds will be sent to us.

SSSF Board Meeting (continued)

The budget will be finalized as soon as all outstanding 2012 bills have been paid, the membership income deposited, and any refunds due are credited. At that point Debi would like to provide Pam and Lynette with some extra income from the raffles and the auction.

Membership:

Debi reported for Patricia:

2013 membership now 127. The new member package has been created and Max will print out labels for them. Patricia also has temporary labels for current members who forgot their IDs.

Once the Pink Book is published, new member information will be published monthly in the newsletter.

There are several membership applications in various locations on our website, going back to 2011, and some members inadvertently used them for 2013 renewals. The dues were lower, and also there are a variety of different amounts due based on the month in which a new member joins.

Debi and her group have been working on the new lists. There have been some problems importing names, different application forms, and lapsed members refusing to pay initial \$100 to rejoin.

Social:

Lynette has begun passing out flyers at the meetings to keep members informed about upcoming social activities.

She is now planning the 25th Anniversary celebration and the date will be June 15. She needs set up money

The fashion show on March 22 is a fundraiser for the anniversary celebration. It will be held at Parliament House in Pompano and will cost \$15 for members and \$25 for guests. Each ticket will be numbered; guests will receive two drinks, and a chance to win a door prize. The champagne and wine is being donated by a corporate sponsor, and we are looking for more donations for the raffle – such as gift cards, etc. So as of now there are very few expenses for this event.

Reminders:

Valentine's Day all are asked to wear red. Rich will not be available to play, but there will be a 50/50 Raffle.

Cake will be provided the last meeting of the month to celebrate all birthdays for that month.

Superbowl Party - \$10 non-member fee.

She has many volunteers for the February 3 and February 16 parties.

Although not a club event, Lynette would like to get a group together for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. More to follow.

Sailing:

Mike Lyons wants to talk at the February 7 meeting about the Hospice Regatta.

Gulfstream Sailing Club has decided not to have a Boatathalon this year. The question is does SSSF want to step in? Perhaps discuss at next General meeting, March 7.

So far 5 boats have signed up for the Feb 2 sail, next will be President's day sail.

In March, Stan is working with Hillsborough for SSSF to join their circle raft-up.

His newest event still in the planning stages will be a Jester's Event sometime between March 30 and April 1.

The issue of credit towards free membership and COC ticket for sails was discussed.

Two questions were raised: whether the captain who operates the sail or the boat owner should get the credit, and how sails credits are distributed between co-owners, who are both captains. One suggestion was to have the boat owner designate on the sailing report by a check mark who should get the credit. The number of sails for membership, and the number of sails for COC credit were also discussed. It was decided to table this issue until we meet again, and give Rich a chance to poll the captains, if we decide this is necessary.

Newsletter:

Max is almost caught up, and from now on will now try to publish the newsletter on 1st of the month. He will include birthday lists for the month. He would like all articles, items of interest to be sent to him no later than the last Thursday of the month before.

Boat Owners' Rep:

Debi reporting for Rich.

Rich has agreed to become the new boat owners' representative, and Kelly Dobbs has agreed to be his substitute. James Bradford will continue as Auctioneer. Debi reported that Rich plans to have a meeting with the captains soon.

Webmaster:

The calendar was updated two days ago. Now Marialda needs accurate list of events, including times. 2012 board members access to BlueHost will be purged on January 31.

Next meeting:

- Boatathalon: any interest in making this an SSSF event?
- Clarify who gets credit towards membership and COC ticket, the boat owner or the captain for a particular sail.
- Sailing Rule – Sailing director arranges sails for members only. Individual captains will invite other people if they choose.
- Confirm: Membership Application form/website should both reflect the following – renewal \$85, new member Jan1-June 30 is \$100, new member after July1 is \$60. Anyone with a break in membership initially pays new member dues, and renewal rate the following year. Only one sponsor will be required on the membership form.

Respectfully submitted:
Gillian O'Neill, *Secretary*

Sailing Orientation Sessions

Our members' education program!

SOS Classes on Saturday, April 6

Las Olas Marina



Two tracks:

Beginners

Etiquette & Basic Terminology, Safety, Docking & Line Handling

Advances

Rules of the Road, Performance Sailing, Navigation, Boat Systems

Join in the fun!!

Followed by a Pot Luck Feast!

Bring a chair, and join the Fun

Sign Up by March 23...See Ethel Facundo

Members attending sessions FREE w/ a dish to share

Members not attending sessions \$10 or a dish to share

Nonmembers attending sessions \$40 w/ a dish to share

Non-members not attending sessions \$20 or a dish to share

The pot luck will include snacks, water, and a late lunch.

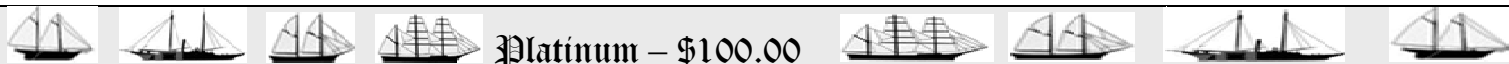
Put your sessions to practice!

Day Sail on Sunday, April 7

MEMBERS participating in the SOS classes will have priority being placed on boats for the club sail on Sunday!

Spinnaker Sponsors

There are now 4 levels of donation: Platinum: \$100.00, Gold: \$50.00, Silver: \$35.00, Bronze: \$20.00. If you see your donation is up for renewal, please rejoin (and upgrade if you can).



Platinum – \$100.00

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Max Goldstein – February 2012

Marie Alcazar – February 2012

Debi Hallmark – September 2012

Mary Ann Hernandez – February 2012

Jane Haughian – September 2012

Silver – \$35.00

Bronze – \$20.00

To become a Spinnaker Sponsor, donate \$20.00, \$35.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 to the club which allows the club to provide more activities for its members. **WE NEED MORE SPONSORS.** As you can see, a lot of memberships have expired. Please join or rejoin!

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