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Key West Crew Meeting: 5 SSSF Boats Sailed to The Dry Tortugas

Escape, Ryan's Place, Viking Princess, Meridian and Enterprise with Captains Jim McBrayer, Debi Hallmark, James Bradford, Fred Van Everdingen and Dick Linehan set sail with their crews to the Dry Tortugas on the 12th, except for Escape and her crew who headed out on the 13th of April. Stormy seas and skies were all around us, but we headed to the sunshine. The first leg of the trip from Fort Lauderdale to Key West we all had to reef our sails. We had fabulous winds, great seas and a "Blood Moon!" Some of us actually got up to experience the total lunar eclipse at about 2:30 am from our raft up in Rodriques Bay. It was a perfect night to be stargazing from the cockpit. The raft ups included lots of lively conversation about current and past adventures. Once we arrived in Key West the Conch Republic Festivities kept us all busy. The Drag Races, although a little dragged out, were enjoyed by many of our members. Above photo is the meeting of the crews before heading out on the second leg to the Dry Tortugas. The 2nd and 3rd leg of the trip will be covered in the May Issue. Submit your stories and photos. Go to our [SSSF Website](http://www.sssf.org) and [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/sssf) to view more pictures. Like us on Facebook! (Go to page 7 for more photos. of the 1st Leg to Key West)

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iPAD Navigation Hits the High Seas!

By Captain Mike Sawzak

The future is here...it's called an iPad!!! I have had my iPad 3 for over two years using the Navionics App to get me safely where I want to go. This version iPad and all subsequent models have a built in GPS that in no way is dependent on cell phone towers. It has taken me to all parts of Florida and the Bahamas. This GPS system is extremely reliable and accurate.

I have been using GPS units from Garmin and others for some years, using toggles and levers and buttons to move things around on the screen...what a time consuming headache! What a joy to pinch the iPad screen to expand your view and use a finger to move and select things. Instant results, instant gratification!

Let's talk about economics. The iPad screen is huge...try buying a traditional GPS unit with that size screen and you are talking \$2,000 to \$3,000. I purchased my iPad for \$650 and then downloaded the App for \$50. Factor in it is my personal computer with email and internet access, a great camera for still photos and video and thousands of applications available...this is a no brainer!!

The large screen is also great in the sun, the screen clarity in the sun is an improvement from older iPads and the brightness is adjustable. The traditional GPS needs a direct current battery connection. iPad has a built in battery for stand alone use and AC or DC connection for charging. Chart updates are easy to make with free downloads...NO MORE CHIPS!!!

I am familiar with the Navionics App and then Garmin has now come on the scene. They are a couple years late though, even the big guy has seen the inevitable future. After a friend purchased Garmin's App I saw it was a very serious improvement from Navionics so I purchased and downloaded it. I love it! Easier to plot a course, easier and faster to find waypoint coordinates, Blue Charts Active Captain(contributed local knowledge). Garmin's Nav App also has the charts for all of North America (US and Canada, Caribbean, Central America and Mexico) for the same price Navionics has for those regions separately.

Some say the tablets and smart phones are not rigorous enough for the marine environment. Yes, it's true they don't like water...so make them waterproof. I use a protective case from Lifeproof that does just that and still allows the screen to be pinched. The case is very small and unobtrusive, I leave it on permanently. I have my tablet mounted on the binnacle when sailing and it has been heavily splashed with no problems. The company says it can be completely submerged although I'm not going to test that, at least not intentionally.

I'm all onboard with iPad Navigation; the traditional GPS units, I'm not discarding them yet....they can be used as backups. Or maybe I'll get a Mini iPad as a backup!!!!

Share your experiences, hints and photos.

Send me your stories to: karen.Dynamic@me.com



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HINTS FROM MEMBERS:

Head Smells are so annoying and embarrassing on long trips. Captain Jim McBrayer has the solution! Keep a spray bottle filled with vinegar. Have crew squirt the inside of the bowl after each use to neutralize any smells. Sweet! NO NASTY ODORS!

Magic Eraser isn't just for getting rid of black shoe marks. You can rub away stains from your clothing while out on the water. Captain Debi Hallmark says it's great for cleaning the dinghy too!



WD-40 is not just for cleaning engines! I swear by WD-40 for shining up stainless steel sinks, marine stoves, BBQs, pots and pans, and many other metal objects. No Captain should leave the dock without it!

Send us your hints of things you do to save time, energy and money.

MAY 3rd SOS CANCELLED

We will be having an SOS in the Fall!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

SSSF Members with May Birthdays: Anne Ekstrom 5/3, Robert Bettarel 5/8, Carol Slater 5/12, Walter Schildt 5/14, John Foy 5/18, Kathleen Eppler 5/20, Anna DeRosa 5/21, Diana Faure & Peggy Lackner 5/24, Annette DeVivo 5/25, Marty Smetanka & Jennifer McDonald 5/27, Camille Galindo & Cindy Kehoe 5/28! Join us at our Thursday Night Social at Lauderdale Grill at 6:30 pm on the May 1st to celebrate our May Birthdays. Contact Denise Lush if you wish to donate the Birthday cake for our celebration!

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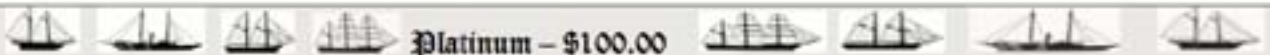
Howling at the Moon!

Okay, so there was not a lot of howling going on and we didn't find any turtles coming to shore on the beach but SSSF members still had a good time! Our April event was held at the Sky Lounge of my building on A1A. Even though some of the boats had headed out for Key West attendance didn't seem to suffer. Denise Lush, our Social Director, is looking for other venues to have parties. If you have a great place with room for 50+ people to party give Denise a call.



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Photos continued from our “Howl at the Moon” Party. Send your photos to:

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for any of our events to have them included in our newsletter. Post photos to our [Facebook Page](#) too!



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Schedule of Events MAY

May 1st General Meeting
Universal Palms Hotel. 7:30 pm

May 4th Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
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May 8th Weekly Social. Lauderdale Grille 6:30 pm 1901 Cordova Rd, FLL

May 15th Weekly Social. Lauderdale Grille 6:30 pm. Enjoy live music!

May 22nd Weekly Social. Lauderdale Grille. 6:30 pm

May 29th Weekly Social. Lauderdale Grill 6:30 pm
 Come out and celebrate our June Birthdays!

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Message From the Helm:

We won't have a message from the helm because Commodore Stan Dekiel is truly at the helm in an area where cell phone coverage and emails just don't work that well - the Dry Tortugas! This is the second and third leg of our SSSF trip to Key West and the Dry Tortugas. Stan will not be back in time for our meeting. The May 3rd SOS has been cancelled. There will only be one SOS this year in the fall. The Board welcomes Susan Cohoat to the board as our new Sailing Director. She is taking over for Dave Martin who had to resign from the board due to a change in his work schedule. Thank you Dave for all your participation and help. Denise Lush, our Social Director is looking for venues and events. If you have any ideas contact Denise.

I'm looking forward to submissions and pictures from the members on the second and third leg of the Dry Tortugas trip. Hope to also hear some tips, stories or information from other members that we can include in the newsletters.

Happy Sailing,

Karen Foster
Newsletter Director



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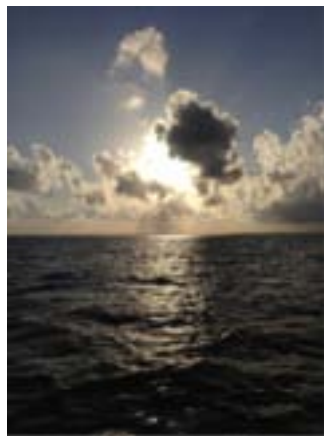
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Minutes from March 31st, 2014 Board Meeting

Time: 6:30 pm
pm

Adjourned: 9:10
pm

Attending: Stan Dekiel; Commodore, Fran Koerner; Secretary, Ken Morland; Vice-Commodore, Nikki McSweeney; Treasurer, Denise Lush; Social Director, Ben Nahabedien; Membership Director, Karen Foster; Newsletter Director, James Bradford; Boat Owners Rep, Dave Caulkett; Media Producer

Call to Order: Stan Dekiel – Stan introduced Susan Cohoat as candidate for Sailing Director. Nikki McSweeney absent. Dave Caulkett introduced the fact that Charles Biancardi also asked to be the new Sailing Director, and introduced his qualifications for the position. Dave Caulkett moved that a vote be taken, seconded by Ken Morland, motion passed. A vote was taken. Susan was elected.


Secretary Fran Koerner - Stan moved to wave the reading of the minutes. Motion passed. Fran stated that at General Meetings she believes the minutes should be read, so that anyone absent last month, those present, and new members are told or reminded what decisions were made by the board and reported to the group. Discussion followed, all agreed.

Vice Commodore Ken Morland – Ken stated that the date chosen for the SOS 2014 would remain May 3, after possible conflicts were discussed. The

probable site will be at Robert Misfud's. Possible sail to follow on May 4th. Denise inquired about speakers or trainers for SOS. Ken reported that this has yet to be finalized and past instructors will be contacted.


Treasurer Nikki McSweeney – Ken Moreland reported for Nikki that the tax returns for all 6 years are up to date, and ready to file. This includes the tax returns for 2013. These will be filed by the filing deadline of May 15, 2014






Social Director Denise Lush – Denise discussed the possibility of a trip to Key West for Fantasy Fest, the fourth Saturday in October. Discussion ensued. This not considered a club event. A motion was made by Ken Moreland that only club supported events will be endorsed and financially supported by the club. Motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Denise that we purchase a hand held microphone. (Continued Page 10)








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Motion was seconded and passed. A discussion took place in regards to microphone storage, and it was not resolved. Denise and Stan will look into prices and types of microphones. Ben will donate an aluminum tri-pod. Denise also discussed continuing confusion over the drawing time for 50-50 at our Grill socials. It was decided that selling of tickets would start at 8:00 and end at 9:00. Denise also stated that we attract a large group at the Grill, and asked if the happy hour could be extended for those who can not get there before 7:00. Stan will talk to the Grill about extending Happy Hour. Denise also stated that it has been requested that the person who brings the Birthday Cake be the person who cuts the cake. After a discussion, it was agreed that was the way it will be done. Costs for house parties were discussed. It was agreed that paper goods will be supplied and paid for by the club.

Membership Director Ben Nahabedien - Ben reported we now have 163 members. The pink book can be printed for \$329.00 for 180 copies with no changes.

Stan Dekiel handed out a paper that was compiled and presented by volunteer and past Commodore, Debi Hallmark, in regards to the Pink Book. Dave Caulkett stated our intention is to clean up some rules in the Pink Book. There will be no by-law changes, only a few typos and grammatical errors for reasons of clarity. **Section VII Charities** - would be added and the following sections would be renumbered. This would read: "The Board does not endorse nor support any non-sailing charities and does not provide a venue at General Meeting for any member to promote and/or solicit for any non-sailing charity. This policy was adopted to provide fairness to all members, respect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Membership,

and comply with the SSSF mission statement". James Bradford moved that we approve the changes and new rules. Motion was passed. Stan suggested we print 225 copies, one for each member and captain, plus a few extras.

Stan suggested that members attending the General Meeting and Thursday meet-ups go to "meetup.com" and register. This way, other people on line will see that lots of people will be attending and they will want to attend as well.

Newsletter Director Karen Foster - Karen stated that she is going to try to keep the newsletter shorter. Next month's issue will include an article by Mike Sawzak on Use of the iPad for Navigation. She also requested that members send her some articles.

Sailing Director Susan Cohoat - accepted congratulations upon being elected the new Sailing Director as a result of Dave Martin's resignation due to time constraints.

Boat owner's Representative James Bradford - The Key West to Dry Tortugas sail is planned to leave on the 12th of April. Four to five boats plan to participate. Memorial Day Regatta will be planned in the near future.

Media Producer Dave Caulkett - Dave stated that he is still trying to solve Internet mail problems. The Bluehost Mailman did not work well with over 100 addresses. We will keep Bluehost but not use Mailman. He has cancelled the iContact account. Constant Contact will be the new EPS (Email Service Provider). He is still trying to solve ongoing problems, as electronic mailing and EPS services still do not work all that well.

Old Business: Fran stated that the Board Meetings keep going over the

same old business and that the meetings are too long. Nikki, who arrived during the meeting, stated there was still business from past boards that needed attention, like the tax issues, and that this board was trying to resolve them. Stan stated that this is still a new board. Discussion followed. Ken Moreland made a motion to read the minutes from last Board Meeting at each Board Meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

New Business: Stan will not be available for the Board Meeting on April 21

Motion to Adjourn: Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Respectively Submitted,

Fran Koerner

Secretary

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