



Sailing Singles of South Florida MainSheet Newsletter

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4th Of July Celebration at Debbie Figueira's



Thank you Debbie for hosting a fabulous party! You are a very gracious hostess, inviting SSSF members into your beautiful home!

It was a real treat to party for \$5.00. SSSF members didn't have to prepare a dish for our 4th of July party. Anna DeRosa, Jane Anderson and Peg Hilton, helped Debbie buy all the food and prepare it so, at a bargain price, we all enjoyed appetizers, salads, hotdogs and hamburgers. Amazing! All we had to do was show up with our own drinks and bathing suits. We are so spoiled! Incredibly convenient.

Thank you to all who paid attention and RSVP'd. It is critical for us to get a head count at many of our functions. We need to make it a habit and always let Denise Lush or the host/hostess know if you will be attending. We got to welcome some new members to the club. Thanks to the set-up, clean-up crews and all the members who kick in to make this party such a hit! Go to [Facebook](#) to see all the Pictures



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Fellowship Page

(This page is for Past & Up-Coming Non-Club Events of interest to SSSF Members.)

Fantasy Fest is Fast Approaching!

Camping?

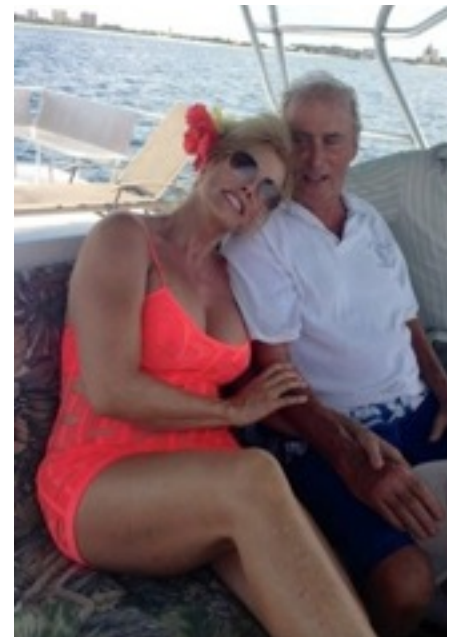
Or Day Trip?

In the past SSSF members chartered a bus to attend the Key West Fantasy Fest which brought them down and back in the same day! We can plan for a few days of camping out, or spend just Saturday on a bus trip down and back. We have a price of \$100 for camping 3 nights... or \$40 for the bus trip...leave at 9:00 am Saturday, October 25th return 4:00 am Sunday. Denise is looking for your thoughts and ideas to make this event special. WHO IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT?

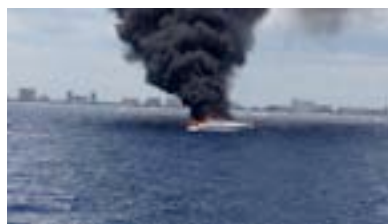
Contact [Denise Lush](#) by email or call 954-815-4421 OR [Angela Glad](#) by email or call 954-849-7529

Welcome Back on the Water!

It is great to see Captain Bob Mifsud back at our events and back out on the water on Joe Sea Whales again! We were out on the water near Pompano Beach when we saw a power boat nearby go up in flames. Very sad, but the couple on board were fortunate; they got off safely with the lady only suffering a leg injury.



Video; May not work!



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Something New! Give Us Feedback on Facebook

For our 4th of July party we charged each SSSF member who RSVP'd \$5.00. Those without an RSVP and non-members paid \$10. No one had to bring a dish to share. We just brought our drinks, bathing suits and towels.

It was nice to not have to go buy groceries to make something, or stop and grab something from the store on the way there. Picking up something always costs 2 or 3 times that price! Go to our [Facebook Page](#) and let us know. What would you prefer? Pay \$5.00 or Bring a Dish to Share.

Make sure you **"LIKE"** us while you are there!

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DON'T FORGET TO CONTACT CAPTAINS, OR [SUSAN COHOAT](#) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING OUT SAILING AUGUST 9TH FOR A DAY SAIL, OR OVERNIGHT RAFT-UP TO ENJOY THE FULL MOON!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Join us at our Thursday Night Social at Chart House at 6:30 pm on the to celebrate our August Birthdays. Ethel Facundo 8/6, Kelly Dobbs 8/7, Karen Foster 8/12, David Mikelson 8/16, James Buckmaster, Arthur Rochlin, Terry Patterson, & David Witczak, 8/20, Patricia Somers 8/21, Dot Castell 8/24, Mike Efford 8/26, Brad Malow 8/27 and Bill Hirsch 8/29

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Karen Foster will be celebrating the launch of her book, "Justice For Bonnie" The release date is September 2nd, 2014. A Launch Party will be planned!

After 12 years of believing "**Some one is getting away with murder.**" now, Karen Foster had to worry about evidence, is there enough evidence to get a conviction. "We know who the killer is; do the Alaska State Troopers have enough evidence, or was this case so bungled and so cold that this killer will get to walk!"

Karen was on a sailboat in St Marks, Florida when she was notified that her 18 year old daughter, Bonnie Craig, had died in a hiking accident. In a total state of denial, using all her experience as a police officer and former reporter, she knew it was wrong! It had to be murder! Losing all confidence in the Alaska State Troopers, and at her wits' end, Karen focused on a search for the killer.

Once the killer was identified Karen realized that if DNA been collected on arrest, at the time of Bonnie's murder, her daughter's killer would have been identified within weeks. It took 12 years! He was in jail 2 months before he murdered Bonnie, out on parole 2 months after he raped and murdered her, and back in jail 2 months after murdering her. His rap sheet was long, but he was in and out of the revolving prison doors; released to wreak havoc and harm more innocent victims.

Within 12 days of finding out about Bonnie's killer's record, Karen got a bill passed in the State of Alaska House and Senate requiring DNA be collected on all felony arrests. It was signed into law within 60 days. Alaska was the 7th state to require collection of DNA on Arrest. But, that wasn't good enough! Bonnie's killer was found in New Hampshire. The laws would have to change in all 50 states and Canada to be effective; protecting the public and keeping the innocent out of jail.

Karen moved her crusade out of Alaska, where media attention would complicate the upcoming trial, and she focused on "the lower 48." She moved to Florida where a DNA bill was stalled in the Judiciary Committee. With help from other parents of victims from Florida, the bill was passed.

["LIKE" Justice For Bonnie Facebook Page.](#)

For more details go to JusticeForBonnie.com
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There are now four 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).

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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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MARK YOU CALENDAR!

PJ Costume Party at Bob Mifsud's

Saturday August 16th 7pm.
[2780 NE 16th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33062](http://2780-NE-16th-Street-Pompano-Beach-FL-33062)

Please RSVP to Denise Lush so Bob & Loui will have an idea of how many to expect. SocialDirectorsssf@sailingsingles.org

As we've always done in the past, this is a BYOB (bring your own beverages) and a dish to share. The dish you bring will be assigned alphabetically by last name.

A-E.....Sides
F-K.....Main Dishes
L-O.....Desserts
P-Z.....Appetizers

Wear your Pajamas or sleepwear; but they are **not required!!!!** Bring bathing suits to escape the heat!

Let's just have some fun!!!

Please contact Denise Lush if you are available for set up 6:30 pm or clean up after the party for 30 minutes.

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Schedule of Events August

August 1st Starlight Musical
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Featuring The Brass Evolution (Classic R&R)
Holiday Park (Sunrise Blvd & Federal Hwy.)

August 3rd Sunday Jazz Brunch
11:00 am – 2:00 pm Join Andy & Jean Crocker Downtown Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. Look for the Pink Flag. Bring a dish to share!

August 7th General Meeting
Universal Palms Hotel. 7:30 pm
Commercial & Powerline **Your tool for being in the know. Your board is here to serve YOU!!!**

August 9th Day Sail & Raft-Up
Overnight optional! There is a Full Moon! Contact Susan Cohoat

August 14th Weekly social at the Chart House 6:30 pm 3000 NE 32 Ave, Fort Lauderdale

August 16th PJ Costume Party at Bob Mifsud (See Above)

August 21st Weekly social at the Chart House 6:30 pm 3000 NE 32 Ave, Fort Lauderdale

August 28th Weekly social at the Chart House 6:30 pm 3000 NE 32 Ave, Fort Lauderdale

Schedule of Events September

Mark your Calendar for our S.O.S. Valuable classes for Beginners, Intermediate and Advance Sailors September 13th.
Boatathalon – September 27th

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I hope you are all enjoying the summer heat. The Chart House has been a huge success for our socials; Susan, our Sailing Director, has been doing a terrific job scheduling day sails and raft-ups. Be sure to contact her with crew lists and requests to sail. Denise, Social Director has done a great job of providing land based parties with more to come. If you haven't picked up your Pink Book yet, please see Membership Director, Ben. We've had some great extended sails this year; The Dry Tortugas and Regatta Time in Abaco.

If you have not been to Regatta Time I highly recommend planning a trip for next year. It takes some time to get to the first party, with stops at interesting towns and beautiful clear waters. Once there you get to visit picturesque islands. Each has its own flavor and uniqueness. You might even get a chance to sail on some sophisticated race boats. It was my good fortune to crew in two races this year.

Be on the lookout for more information on the upcoming SOS scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. Also, please watch for information concerning the Gulf Stream/Sailing Singles Boatathon coming up in September. It's great fun with valuable prizes awarded for decorations and puzzle solutions. Support our captains and fill the boats for our upcoming sailing events. It's what we're all about.

Fair winds to all,

Stan DeKiel

Commodore, Sailing Singles of South Florida



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Board Meeting

Date: June 23, 2014 **Time:** 6:40 pm **Adjourned:** 7:25 pm

Place: Tequila Sunrise

Attending: Stan Dekiel; Commodore, Fran Koerner; Secretary, Nikki McSweeney; Treasurer, Denise Lush; Social Director, Ben Nahabedien; Membership Director, Karen Foster; Newsletter Director, Susan Cohoat; Boat Owners Rep, Dave Caulkett; Media Producer **Absent:** Sailing Director, James Bradford. Vice Commodore, Resigned.

Call to Order: Stan Dekiel - Stan announced a committee is working hard on the preparations for the Sept.13, 2014, SOS.

Secretary: Fran Koerner -

Commodore: Stan Dekiel stated that at the next Board Meeting the Board will vote on a new Vice-Commodore due to the resignation of Ken Moreland.

Treasurer: Nikki McSweeney stated everything is in to the IRS. The resolution could take one or two years depending on discrepancies. Checks are being written to Captains for the overnight sails.

Social Director: Denise Lush stated the committee for the July 4th party decided to charge admission and provide food rather than have everyone bring a dish. She discovered food was being wasted when everyone brought a covered dish. She will provide sufficient amounts for the numbers attending. The committee will do some of the cooking preparations. The cut-off date to RSVP is June 30. Prepayment is \$5.00 per person. Members without a RSVP and non-member guests will pay \$10.00 at the door. She also stated the SSSF weekly socials will be held at the Downtowner on June 26, and at the Chart House on July 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

Membership Director: Ben Nahabedien stated an addendum to the Pink Book is coming out this week with corrections.

Newsletter Director: Karen Foster reported people are sending her stories for the newsletter, due out soon, and she is so appreciative of their help and their articles.

Sailing Director: Susan Cohoat said the next day sails and raft-ups are planned for July 19th and August 9th. There will be sign-up sheets at the Thursday socials.

Media Producer: Dave Caulkett said Constant Contacts is up to date. He is creating folders with notes for next year's Board. He asked the board members to please follow directions for Constant Contact. This does include stating the Subject in 3 separate places.

Unfinished Business: Stan stated that SOS is scheduled for Sept 13th.

New Business: Stan stated the July 3rd General meeting is cancelled due to the holiday, the next Board Meeting is July 28th, and the next General Meeting is August 7th.

Motion to Adjourn: Fran moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Koerner

Secretary

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How To Get a Fix Using One Noon Observation of the Sun

By Captain Dick Linehan

With Special Thanks to Carl Sagan and Steven Hawkins

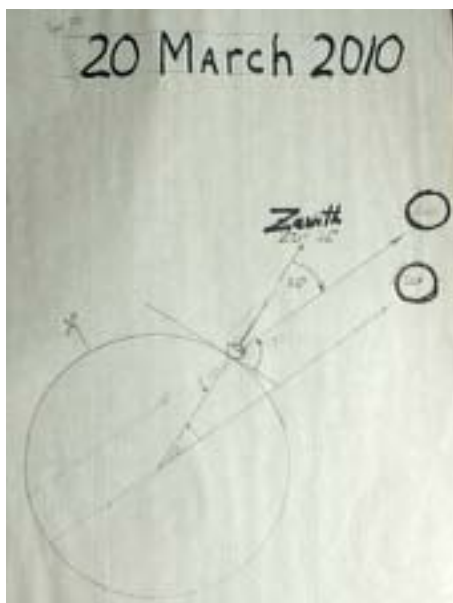
The earth rotates on its axis located at the North and South Poles. Imaginary lines that connect these two points are called Lines of Meridian. The line that runs through the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England is called the prime meridian.

This meridian is the primary reference point used in The Nautical Almanac. When the sun is directly over the prime meridian (not in Greenwich, but somewhere south on the line) it is called noon GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

The sun moves relative to the earth at a rate of one mile every four seconds. Consequently, one minute past noon, the sun will be directly over a meridian 15 miles to the west. The sun will move 15 degrees in one hour and have traveled 900 nautical miles at the equator.

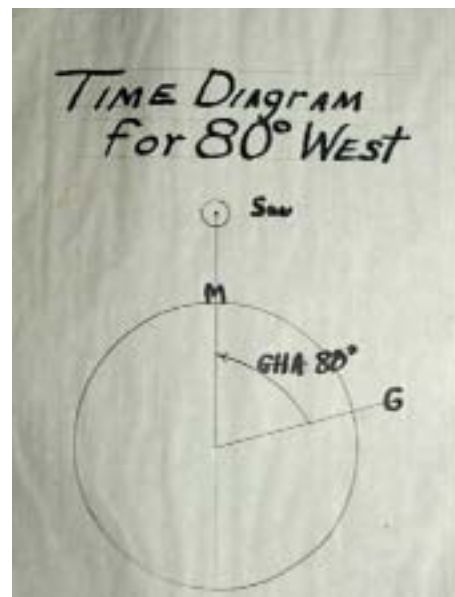
Time zones were created to standardize local time for everyday life. A time zone is 15 degrees wide or 900 nautical miles. In this article, we are not using standard time zones, instead, we are using local apparent noon.

In the attached time diagram, it shows 12 noon in Greenwich and we are located at 80 degrees west longitude. If we divide 80 degrees by 15 degrees, we get 5.33. This means we are 5 time zones behind Greenwich and some extra degrees as well. So, when it is noon in Greenwich (GMT), it is 7 AM in Fort Lauderdale and South Florida.



So, we are on a vessel with an accurate clock set to GMT time and using a sextant, we observe the sun directly south of us on the same meridian. This is our local apparent noon. Recording this time, we can go to The Nautical Almanac and convert time to degrees of arc and derive the exact angle and meridian where we are located.

Now, turn your attention to the diagram of 20 March 2010. On that day, the sun was directly over the equator as it moved north (first day of spring). Since the sun is such a great distance away and it is very large, all the light rays hitting earth are parallel.



Our vessel is not at the equator and because of the curvature of the earth, does not have the sun overhead. However, when we observed the sun for local apparent noon, we recorded the observed angle of the sun. If we subtract this angle from 90 degrees, we will get our latitude. Obviously, it requires more calculations on other days when the sun is not over the equator, but the basic process is the same.

Now we have found both our latitude and longitude with one observation. Keep looking up!

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Blast From the Past:



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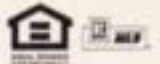


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