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Summer Solstice Beach BBQ by Karen Foster

Well, all SSSF plans are flexible and weather dependent! Sailors are used to that. So when it started to rain on my party, instead of crying, we all just crowded into a smaller covered area on the BBQ deck. It was cozy, the food was great, and everyone still said they had a wonderful time. About 35 had RSVPd, but due to poor weather we expected less. Over 60 members showed up! We really need to improve our RSVPing abilities, especially when parking is limited, or the party is at a member's home. Please make sure you take time to RSVP for our July 4th party. (See page 5) We will be paying \$5.00 per person (Guests \$10.) Unfortunately, members who don't RSVP will be charged \$10 at the door since we will have to order more food. Please make it easier on the our member hosting the parties.



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Tortuga Tales – Sailing Adventure to the Marquesas by Captain Debi Hallmark

Ryan's Place crew woke to a beautiful, sunny day for the sail to the Marquesas. They were off the dock by the agreed 9:00 am departure time, leaving Key West Bight Marina without mishap. They finished stowing the lines, cleared the channel, and they were on their way.

The seas were crystal blue, with only a slight chop. The winds were favorable, heading in the

right direction. Captain Debi set the autopilot, the crew trimmed the sails and then had breakfast. The rest of the fleet was scattered; nearby Viking Princess, a little ahead off their starboard, Meridian sailing along, a bit ahead of them on their port, and Escape just a short distance behind them. Ryan's Place was sailing along at about 5 and an half to 6 and an half knots, doing their best to maintain position.

As the winds were building the autopilot wasn't performing well due to weather helm, so Debi made the decision to manually steer the boat. She placed the autopilot on standby and took the tiller. As the wind continued to build she asked her crew to trim the headsail and release the main a little to reduce the weather helm. Once completed, Holly went below (Continued on Page 9)

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NO WIND, NO SEE UMS

BIMINI CRUISE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2014

by Captain Mike Sawzak

After two consecutive Bleu Bayou Memorial Day weekend crossings to Bimini without the need of the auxiliary power, my luck had run out. Leaving on a calm Thursday night from Port Everglades, we made the left turn near Haulover Inlet to arrive early the next morning in daylight, at least, that was the plan. We motor sailed with very light wind. When we hit the Gulf Stream current, I knew right away. It was like hitting a wall and turning my dependable, but anemic, Atomic 4 gas engine north. After 16 hours plus we found ourselves about 10 miles north of the island, still with no wind. At least we were out of the current; the autopilot was happy in one foot seas as we motored to our destination, Bimini Sands Marina.

(Note to self...next year leave from Key Biscayne or Fowey Rock to ride the current if time and work schedule permits.)

Once in the marina I saw a long line; 3 hours later I got to know that line very well. Bahamian Customs & Immigration. Apparently they have not heard of computers and printers, stamping and tearing apart forms in triplicate, hand writing every piece of information. There were no benches, so for hours, we stood. It was torture Bahamian style and their revenge towards the perceived rich Americans. Slow and painful.

Did I mention I had an all female crew? In alphabetical order, Holly, Jane and Marialda. They were wonderful and only complained about one thing all weekend. Well, two things. Mosquitoes and no see ums. Why do bugs gravitate to ladies first? My bug repellent was to sit next to them. One night returning to the boat late I noticed one gal sleeping in the cockpit. Being the thoughtful gentleman I sprayed her with an extra dose of bug spray including her feet. Next morning she asked why her toenail polish was all dripping and smudged. Never knew there is acetone in bug spray or something worse!!

Another morning at 7:30 one of the girls was giving me a yoga lesson on the dock directly in front of our boat. While laying prone a captain docked next to us thought we were passed out drunk and never made it home from the night before. I had to clarify that it was my first yoga lesson, but I don't think he believed me.

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Join us at our Thursday Night Social at the Downtowner June 26 at 6:30 pm to celebrate our July Birthdays. Greg Rewa & Cathy Wilkinson 7/2, Betty Vincente 7/11, Gus Bernauer & Gale Goddard 7/14, Gillian O'Neill 7/16, Sherry Makis 7/17, Charles Biancardi, Mike Bishop, Ken Moreland & Bill Olson 7/18, Ed Lewis 7/19, Camille Luft, 7/20, Jean Marie Gordon 7/24, Mary Ann Hernandez 7/25, Cathy Childs & Ken Bloemker 7/27, Susan Cohoat & Rena Mamolou 7/28, Max Goldstein & Ken Tafts 7/31

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Saturday was beach day, conch shacks and hitchhiking there on golf carts...I hid behind the fences and suddenly appeared with the girls. Saturday night we went to Brown's Marina bar with Sailing Singles, Gulf Stream Club (GSC) and host, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club (HISC). Afterwards we were planning on watching the Junkanoo parade, though for some reason that only Bahamians know, it was cancelled. Perhaps to was wardrobe malfunctions.

Sunday morning was HISC's traditional Bloody Mary Brunch. A pancake decoration contest with very creative designs: it was a lot of fun with Kalik beer and Bahama bread as prizes. At the brunch we were invited by an HISC member to join him on his 7 year old immaculate catamaran to go snorkeling on the concrete ship, Sapona. What amazing water ...crystal clear with schools of fish at every turn!

Sunday night we planned a BBQ and bonfire poolside at Bimini Sands. We gathered wood for the bonfire and started cooking the burgers and brats. I never saw people run so fast; I was right behind them. The no see ums chased us away. The brats were consumed, the burgers were too raw and the bon fire was never lit. The no see ums were in charge and ruled this year!

Monday morning Memorial Day we left the marina 9:00 am and motor sailed with light wind again. We did have the Gulf current in our favor and managed to reach Port Everglades in 9 hours. The U.S. Small Vessel entry program worked well as I called in all the crew members passport numbers and we cleared without incident. The Bahamas customs papers are good for a free re-entry within 90 days ...Abaco anyone???



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR & RSVP!

4th of July Celebration! 5:00 pm
Hosted by: Debbie Figueira, 1225 S.E. 12th AVE, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 **RSVP 954-571-9695 TODAY!**

PLEASE BYOB as usual, HOWEVER, instead of bringing a dish which results in WAY TOO MUCH food, Debbie and her "party committee" will make/purchase ALL the food. A \$5.00 charge per member in lieu of a dish, \$10 charge per Guest. Since food is being supplied and space is limited you **MUST RSVP to DEBBIE 954-571-9695 by JUNE 30.**

The menu will be "traditional" BBQ foods, hotdogs, burgers, salads, appetizers and desserts etc.

The City of Deerfield Beach puts on a terrific fireworks display at 9PM. We will be able to see some of the fireworks from Debbie's backyard, however, it is a "short" 1.5 mile walk to the beach - or, if you choose, you can take your car to the Cove Shopping Center by the intracoastal bridge or to St. Ambrose' church (S.E. 12th near Hillsboro Blvd) to park and walk across the bridge.

Please bring your bathing suits and towels - party is ON RAIN OR SHINE (Hopefully shine) SSSF is providing the MUSIC by D.J. Steve. We can all sing along with patriotic songs and DANCE!

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Schedule of Events July

July 3rd Thursday Night Social
6:30 pm at the [Chart House](#) 3000 NE 32nd Ave, Fort Lauderdale

July 4th Party Celebrate the 4th at 5:00 PM Hosted by Debbie Figueira 1225 SE 12th Ave, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 RSVP 954-571-9695 Details above.

July 6th Sunday Jazz Brunch On Riverwalk 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Downtown Fort Lauderdale Bring a dish to share! North side of New River.

July 10th Thursday Night Social
6:30 pm at [Chart House](#) Happy Hour until 8:00 pm

July 11th Starlight Musical Series
7 - 10 pm Holiday Park on Sunrise Blvd. Join our members! Turnstiles do a Billy Joel Tribute

July 17th Thursday Night Social
6:30 pm at [Chart House](#) Happy Hour until 8:00 pm

July 18th Starlight Musical Series
7 - 10 pm Holiday Park on Sunrise Blvd. Rock n Roll with Weedline

July 19th Day Sail & Raft Up
Check with the Captains!

July 24th Thursday Night Social
6:30 pm at [Chart House](#) Happy Hour until 8:00 pm

July 25th Starlight Musical Series
7 - 10 pm Holiday Park on Sunrise Blvd. FFL Join our members! Tom Jackson (Country)

July 31st Thursday Night Social
6:30 pm at [Chart House](#) Happy Hour until 8:00 pm

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FROM THE HELM:

We've got a lot going on. Five boats just returned from the Dry Tortugas. Up to seven are on their way to Abaco. The Flag Day sail was a big success. The Summer Solstice Party was terrific in spite of the rainy weather. July 19th marks the next day sail. Get your RSVP's in for the Fourth of July party.

We're not set on a solid spot for our Thursday night socials yet, but it looks like the Chart House for at least a few more weeks.

Keep watching your email for news of the upcoming SOS. There will be **No July General Meeting**, but I'm looking forward to a big crowd at the August 7 meeting at Universal Palms.

Fair Winds and Happy fourth of July to you all!!

Stan DeKiel
Commodore



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I Don't Do Breakfast by Karen Foster

Captain Jim McBrayer was just finishing up his second cup of coffee early Sunday morning out on Lake Sylvia after a wonderful Saturday sail and raft-up. We had 7 boats in the raft-up, but only Escape and Ryan's Place stayed overnight. Capt Jim's crew, Patricia Somers and Peg Hilton were also lounging in the cockpit. I was in the companion way when the Captain asked, "Who's doing breakfast?"

Both Peg and Patricia responded in unison, "Karen."

"I don't do breakfast." I answered automatically. I really don't eat breakfast. Well, both Peg and Patricia immediately responded, "No, you are suppose to bring breakfast." They started to remind me, "You said you would do "dinner and breakfast!"

In horror, it was all coming back to me. Yeah, I remember, we were at Firedog and the Captain and crew were all discussing the sail. Patricia mentioned we should assign a crew chief. I quickly said we didn't need one for an overnight sail! We always end up with so much food anyhow. Graciously, Patricia agreed with me and asked then how we wanted to do it.

Yes, I just responded without thinking, so obviously out to impress someone, "I'll do dinner and breakfast." I was remembering throwing together an omelet in Key West that actually turned out to my amazement. It had been so easy, throwing last night's leftovers from the restaurant onto the egg and folding it over. Piece of cake this breakfast thing! I was envisioning a repeat when I added breakfast! Ha!

I don't do breakfast! Coffee is breakfast to me, so I totally didn't remember that moment of stupidity! Okay, so I had leftover sweet potatoes, avocados, and salad from last night's dinner. Sounds absolutely dreadful to me. I hate eating in the morning, but I know no one else on the boat would be interested in eating any of that for breakfast! Dying a thousand deaths and totally embarrassed, I climbed up out of the companion way and yelled over to the crew on Ryan's Place.

"You got any leftover breakfast?" Captain Debi and her crew jumped into rescue mode and dished out breakfast for the Captain and the 2 crew members who **do do breakfast!** Piece of cake! Disaster averted. Thank goodness for SSSF members. They are always there for fellow members. Guessing with my memory I should always make sure there is a crew chief and that I've got a list. So much for thinking it's just overnight!



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Flag Day Raft-Up

Flying the US Flag proudly and wearing red, white and blue, many SSSF members participated in the Flag Day Raft-Up. Two new members ended up finding out just how much fun our SSSF club is to hang out with and party.

Mariposita won the award for the best decorated boat with more than 15 flags flying proudly above her deck. The day was perfect! There was an initiation of sorts that was enjoyed by all involved. Who brought that whipping cream anyway? Andrea?



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to catch up on some reading, and Stan kept Debi company in the cockpit. Stan leaned over the starboard side to check the blocks when suddenly there was a loud CRACK like a gunshot. Debi, wondering if one of the sheets had come loose shouted, "What was that?" Stan immediately started to investigate, but could find nothing wrong. About that time Debi glanced out at the headsail and saw a shroud blowing in the wind. Upon quick assessment she determined it was the back stay.

Debi headed into the wind so the loose backstay would swing over the deck and Stan could catch it and hopefully re-secure it. She then got on the radio, Channel 68, to inform the rest of the fleet she had just broken a backstay. The other captains immediately responded that they would slow down and move closer in case additional help was needed.

During this time Stan was attempting to secure the backstay with a piece of reef line but was not having much success getting the correct tension. Captain James came on the radio and advised to douse the headsail immediately and get the main down. Debi was still steering the boat, trying to keep it under control as the roller furling system was wildly snapping back and forth on the bow. Stan tied off the backstay, as best as possible, and began furling the headsail. Debi called for Holly to come up from below to drop the main. She started the engine thinking thank God for the Iron Jenny!

Having dropped the sails, the boat was easier to control and they could focus on trying to get the backstay tightened. Captain Fred, of Meridian, came over the radio,

asking if they had a spinnaker halyard. Since Ryan's Place was once a race boat Debi answered, "Yes, of course I have a spinnaker halyard." He then told Debi, Charles suggested she use the spinnaker halyard as a temporary backstay.



"Great idea, thank you so much," replied Debi, thinking, of course, a DUH moment, wondering why she hadn't thought of that as she has used the spinnaker halyard in the past when working on the headsail and backstay.

The rig was now secured as they approach the Marquesas. Captain James came on the radio and to tell Debi he will drop a hook and that she needs to tie up on his port side then he will come aboard to help make repairs. The raft up process with Viking Princess went smoothly and Captain James boarded Ryan's Place to assess the situation and assist with repair.

The tang fitting on the backstay had developed severe rust and broke in two. It was completely unusable – a new part was necessary. This particular part is not a typical spare kept aboard, but Debi informed James and Stan that prior to the trip she had cleaned the rigging locker and also cleaned all the spare rigging parts; she believed she had a spare on board. With Holly's assistance, Debi retrieved the rigging box and tools and, as luck would have it, there was an exact spare available. Whew!

Thirty minutes later the backstay was reassembled with the new part. Captain and crew celebrated the good fortune of having the correct spare parts, and the help and assistance of the good friends in the fleet. Next day, the Dry Tortugas!



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