



Sailing Singles of South Florida

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<p>THANK YOU</p> <p>DENISE LUSH</p> <p><i>For the Wonderful Job on our Change of Command!</i></p>	<p><u>Up Coming Events BBQ & Field Day</u> Hugh Taylor Birch State Park April 25th 10 - 6:00 pm</p>	<p>S.O.S</p> <p>Sailing Orientation Sessions Details Coming Soon!</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE!</p> <p><u>April 11th Full Moon Sail</u> Watch for Details</p>	<p>Your 2015 Board of Directors & Contact Information Page 6</p>
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Thanks to Our Captains

At our Change of Command we had the opportunity to honor and thank our Captains for another exciting year of sailing adventures. We wouldn't have a club without them and their generous hospitality, allowing our members to share in the sailing experiences with them, from day sails and raft ups, to extended sailing adventures. Below is a photo of just some of our fabulous Captains.



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS TOO!

It says a lot about our club when all our volunteers are called up to receive a gift and there are so many volunteers that we can barely fit them all in the picture. It is truly amazing how this club pulls all our activities together. All members who volunteered received a wonderful bag for toting food and beverages! Captains received a brass clock for their boats. Thank you to all who pitch in to **MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!** Let's Make 2015 even better!



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2015 Change of Command: A Night of Elegance and Celebration



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Awards: Nikki Sweeney received the award for Outstanding Member for all the work she did with our tax issues and Captain Debi Hallmark won Captain of the Year award. (Pictured below, 2014 Outgoing Board of Directors.) Photos by Captain Dick Linehan

Tips For Sailors

Tired of dirty fenders? Nothing can clean them up as fast as Carb Cleaner! Next to no elbow grease required. Take a damp cloth, spray fender, wait a few seconds and wipe clean. It does use up the can fast!



2015 Board of Directors Photos Courtesy of Captain Dick Linehan



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Join us at our General Meeting at Universal Palms Hotel at 6:30 pm on April 2nd to celebrate our April Birthdays. Cake will be served after the meeting. Happy Birthday to:

Carla DiMauro 4/4, Siri Pilitsis 4/6, Gabriela Manley 4/11, Bob Mifsud 4/17, Mike Sawzek 4/21, Ron Kulick 4/30

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St Patrick's Day Raft Up - Enjoying Friendship & Fun



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 25th, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

SSSF is hosting a Barbecue and Field Day at [Hugh Taylor Birch State Park!](#)

Birch State is located on the North Side of Sunrise Blvd and A1A. a

Ticket Price: \$10.00 for Members Guests

\$ 20.00 for Guests

Price covers a Barbecue Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, all the sides and Dessert!

We will be located at Pavilion 2. Kayaking (\$ 1 0 . 0 0) and Canoeing(\$5.00). People can bring their own kayaks. They can bring or rent bikes. Beach access is available, so bring bathing suits and beach chairs if you want to take a swim. Volley Ball and Bean Bag Game will be available. Come out for a fun day of great activities!!



Editor's Note

My sincere apologies for not getting January and February Newsletters out. My computer crashed two days before I had planned on sending out the January issue. I had to ship it to Apple in California and then rebuild files and the photo library. I lost a lot. Then our board has been overwhelmed with other issues more pressing. Back at it. Let's just have fun! Karen

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Schedule of Events April

April 2nd General Meeting
Universal Palms Hotel. 7:30 pm
Come give input on the new policies and procedures and learn about what your board has been doing over the last month.

April 4th Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Downtown Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk. Bring a dish to share! Enjoy the music and friendship.

April 9th Weekly social. At [Flip Flops Dockside Eatery](#)
6:30 pm 3051 NE 32nd Ave,
Fort Lauderdale

April 11th Full Moon Sail
Details to come

April 16th Over Come Tax Day Blues Weekly social. At [Flip Flops Dockside Eatery](#)
6:30 pm 3051 NE 32nd Ave,
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April 23rd Weekly social. At [Flip Flops Dockside Eatery](#)
6:30 pm 3051 NE 32nd Ave,
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April 25th BBQ & Field Day Hugh Taylor Birch State Park (See above)

April 30th Weekly social. At [Flip Flops Dockside Eatery](#)
6:30 pm 3051 NE 32nd Ave,
Fort Lauderdale

Schedule of Events May

S.O.S.& Bimini Memorial Day
Weekend Sail Details coming

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From the Helm

Dear Members of Sailing Singles,

I did say that I would deal with people individually when problems arise, but there are a few issues and more than a few rumors floating around, so this time I'll report to the club as a whole.

Well, it's been quite a ride since the Change of Command. Even before the Board was installed, we had problems at our January 18 raft-up. Since this incident, I think the Board has gone through a year full of emails. At least I hope we have, because the Board has used up a year's worth of time dealing with all of it (at least it feels that way sometimes). I know our decisions weren't popular with everyone, and at times the club seems more polarized than my last pair of sunglasses, but a lot of this was unprecedented, so we reviewed various accounts and grievances concerning the incident and made our decision. We do have an excellent Pink Book revision committee that has re-written a lot of the By-laws, Policies and Procedures so we can effectively deal with all future issues and respond to expectations of our members.

We, the Board, want to ensure that there are no longer divisive personal battles and to avoid all power struggles in the club. Once the new rules are adopted at a General Board Meeting, we will be able to take decisive action if members are disrespectful to any other members. We have also addressed raft-up behaviors for all future raft ups.

We have appointed a mediator to deal with member grievances and he will be reporting to the Board. We understand many members are hearing only one side of any story. We have made this appointment so the Board can be fully informed from all sides and make an impartial decision. We ask for your support and understanding that we are all volunteers and are doing the best we can. Once again, this is new territory for us.

We are sorry that we have to create positions like Master-at-Arms and an Arbitrator, but when problems arise, the Board is expected to respond to them, so we have.

Above all, the Board feels strongly that no club member, including Board members, should have to deal with rudeness, belligerence or verbal aggression from any source, and we are doing our best to find resolutions to all grievances that result from this behavior. Once the rules are passed, we will be able to act more quickly and effectively. We want to concentrate on all members having an enjoyable experience. People join this club for socials and sailing, not animosity and hostility. If you have any feelings like that, keep them at home and away from our events.

Finally, a request from me in regards to the Board: We do have lives. We have agreed to give up part of our lives in the interest of the club. The Social Chair wants to plan parties. The Sailing Director wants to plan sails, and so on. Please appreciate that we have all been pulling double duty trying to resolve existing problems as well as prevent future ones.

Understand that while we may not agree with each other, we do have to respect each other.

In other news:

We are working on the Spring SOS at the Lighthouse Point Marina. Their slips are full at the moment, but once some of their "snowbird" boats are gone, they'll have room for us.

As stated before, the Pink Book is being revised. It may take a while to vote on and incorporate the changes, so we may publish and print the club directory first.

People seem to be happy with Flip-Flops, so we'll be having our Thursday socials there until further notice.

See you at the Board Meeting at Universal Palms Hotel April 2nd.

Max Goldstein
Commodore

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Crazy Wacky Hat Party:

A big Thank you to Rita Lehto for hosting the SSSF Crazy Wacky Hat Party held 3/28/15!! SSSF members and guests came out for a night of dancing and fun wearing wild hats. A Conga Line of SSSF was winding through the room so Judges could pick contest winners: 1. Karen Foster, 2. Rena Mamolou, 3. Peg Hilton

March is Noodle Month. A Noodle/Pasta Contest was held for the Best Dish. Winners were: 1. Kathy O'Neill for Asian Noodles, 2. Cathy Child's for Drunken Noodles, 3. Diana Faure for Baked Ziti!!! Everyone enjoyed food and fellowship. Thanks to the Judges: Ethel Facundo, Carol Saler, and Gillian O'Neill. Volunteers: Max Goldstein, Jim Price, Janet Pogozelski, Stan Dekiel, Debi Hallmark, Jane Anderson, Holly Griffin, and many more.



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Happy Valentines Party 2015!

Rudy & Arlene Sprenger's Home

70 Members and Guests attended the SSSF Valentines Party. The event was a great success!! A Fairyland of Red & Multicolored Lights made the Tropical Setting of the party magical! Red Valentine Hearts, Roses and Candy were all around. A warm Fire Pit was the center of the party where individuals roasted marsh mellows, and enjoyed the Chocolate Fountain. The Dance Contest was a big success. Winners included

First Prize: Mollie Meyers and Guest Jeremy

Second Prize: Bill Roberts & Lynette Beal

Third Prize: Ken Moreland & Ivelisse Santana

Thanks to Arlene & Rudy Sprenger and all our volunteers: Dave Caulkett, Bill Roberts, Ken Tafts, Annette DeVivo, Nikki McSweeney, Max Goldstein, Lynette Beal, Jennifer McDonald, Debi Hallmark, Stan Dekiel, Terry Patterson, Carol Saler, Robert Bettarel, Ken Bloemker, Anita Papkov- Bloemker, Grant Hustad, & Janet Pogozeleski. They all helped make the party a big success!!

Dance Contest Judges were Rich Hustins, Carla DiMauro, Karen Brown, Charles Zimnik, & Miriam Connell. Winners: Mollie Myers & Guest Jeremy, Ken Moreland & Ivelisse Santana, Bill Roberts & Lynette Beal. Winners received SSSF Glasses as did Arlene and Rudy for hosting the party.

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