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**Up Coming
Events**

General Meeting

3 Nov

SSSF Board Meeting

21 Nov

Fall SOS

5 Nov

From the Helm By Lynette Beal, Commodore

Greetings SSSF!! Here we are in November with the Holidays around the corner. I would like to congratulate Debi Hallmark our Social Director and Arlene and Rudy Sprenger our hosts for a fantastic Halloween Party! The costumes, spooky appetizers, and activities were a lot of fun. The decorations were spooktacular! On November 5th, the Fall SOS will be held at Lighthouse Point Marina with a Barbecue following. I hope to see you all there. A Club Sail is set for the next day on Sunday. The Holiday Party is scheduled December 2nd at Galuppi's. Please support this event and Debi will be selling tickets. Look for the Flyers regarding the SOS and Holiday Party.



A Big Congratulations to Captain Patrick O'Brien for the Christening of his new cruiser the Blue Devocean and his hospitality to the South Florida Boating Community. Many SSSF members attended this wonderful event! Thank you to Janet Pogozeleski for all her hard work too.

The election of the SSSF 2017 Board of Directors will be held November 3, 2016 at the SSSF General Meeting at Stingers at 7:00pm. Stingers is located at 1201 South Ocean Blvd, Pompano Bch, FL 33062. The slate of nominees is the following: Commodore- Captain Kelly Dobbs, Vice-Commodore- Gabe Forray, Secretary- Cheryl Lutz, Treasurer- John Konheim, Sailing Director- Sheila O'Neil, Social Director- Susan Tracey, Membership Director- Ben Nahabedian, Fleet Captain- Brian Brown, Internet Technology Director- Doug Noble, Newsletter Director- Gillian O'Neill. There have been no other nominations for any of the positions and the Ballot was closed on 10/13/16. A big thank you to Nominating Committee Chair Dot Castell, Jim Price, and Janet Pogozeleski for a great job in presenting an excellent group of nominees.

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Ghosts and Goblins and Witches and more!!! **By Debi Hallmark**

Photos by Gabe Forray

Happy Halloween and what a great party we had at the lovely home of Arlene and Rudy Sprenger. Arlene out did herself with the decorations - it looked like the haunted house from Home and Garden. The costumes and food were spectacular.

We munched on bloodied fingers, a snake, and green stuff a pumpkin was regurgitating! Just kidding all the exotic finger foods were part of the scariest appetizer contest which was won by Karen Foster for her severed "fingers." Debi Hallmark was a close second with the baked snake made out of crescent rolls, cheeses and spinach. And no it didn't taste like chicken. Arlene had guacamole spouting from a pumpkin but, chose not to participate in the contest. None the less the guacamole was superb. All members did an outstanding job with their contribution and there was enough food for a thanksgiving dinner!

Oh the costumes! We had a saloon girl ghost, Darth Vader, grim reaper, a few spies (spooks), pirates, Greek goddesses, flappers, medieval queens, a cowboy or girl? minus a gun so, she simply stole one from a spy, and many more! The big winner of the costume contest was Darth Vader worn by Robert Bettarel, Patricia Birnie was second as the unidentifiable Grim Reaper, and Kathy O'Neil was third in a very spooky costume!

Rich Hustins spun the tunes and got everyone out on the dance floor for the Monster Mash which was won by our guest Marty Smetanka.

Thank you to all the judges.

I believe a great time was had by all. I would like to thank all of our enthusiastic members that participated in the festivities. I would also like to thank the volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening a success with an honorable mention to Bill Roberts and Arlene Bothwell. We couldn't have done it without you.

And of course our biggest thanks to Arlene and Rudy Sprenger for the use of their home. Have a bootiful Halloween!



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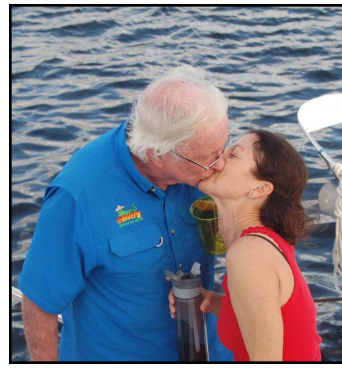
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Yacht Christening Party

At the last general meeting, Pat O'Brien stood up and offered an invitation to every club member to join him on his new yacht for the christening of its new name. The old name was "Devocean" but he kept the new name a secret! The christening party was held on the yacht with five other vessels rafted along side. Pat and Janet Pogozeleski jointly christened the 53 ft. yacht "Blue Devocean." It was a great party.



SSSF wishes Pat and Janet smooth sailing on *Blue Devocean*

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West End Decimated

Hurricane Matthew was kind of a non-event for most of us in the Fort Lauderdale area because it was travelling a good ten miles east of us. The Bahamas were not so lucky, however. Most sailors are familiar with the West End on Grand Bahama Island because it's the place we head for to go through Immigration on our way to the Abacos Race Week. West End experienced a category 4 storm that has left them without power and water.

Some of us remember when Wilma left us without power for ten or more days ten years ago, and we're still talking about it. But West End is suffering a worse catastrophe. Not only are the wires down, but the poles are gone too. That kind of massive loss of infrastructure means they will be without electricity- and water- for *months*.

Fortunately, their evacuation plan must have been phenomenal as there was no loss of life and few injuries. On the other hand, there has been little in the press about the hardships the Bahamians are now facing. The boating community has responded, however, and many of us are asking what we can do to help. We don't want to give money that will be channeled in the wrong direction or supply goods that will be resold to line the pockets of a few.

The Old Bahama Bay Resort in the West End has taken a lead in bringing in relief supplies and distributing them to the villagers in an equitable and organized manner. The marina and adjacent West End Airport have reopened and are being used to bring in provisions and other goods. Best of all, there is a drop-off location right in Pompano Beach at 701 S. Federal Hwy.

I spoke with Jon Burkert at the Pompano Beach Marine Center on Monday to get a better feel for the operation and was impressed with their dedication and hard work. As the Bahamians have lost virtually everything they owned, anything anyone can give is welcomed. They had stashed water, fruit drinks, canned goods, pots and pans, bed sheets, even children's toys- in between their marine supplies- to be ready for the next plane or boat out. They are asking for dry goods, paper goods, baby food, cat and dog food, batteries, generators, personal care products (how about that toothbrush your dentist gave you that you'll never use?)

Please... go through your closets, pantries, your wallets and your hearts, and give what you can. This is an ongoing operation and the problem will not be solved anytime soon.

QUESTIONS?

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November Birthdays

Joseph Basil	11/28
James Bradford	11/11
Rich Hustins	11/24
Karen Long	11/08
Shel Miller	11/19
Pat O'Brien	11/14
Chong Piper	11/08
Sid Royal	11/23
Hal Walker	11/30



November General Meeting

November 3, 2016

7 PM

Stingers

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Please come early for Happy Hour and good food!!

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