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Upcoming Events

Barbecue & Pool Party
at Wynmoor: 6/1/2019

Friday night Starlight
Concerts begin June 7

Cocktails on the
Water: 8/17/2019

From our “Show Your Colors” raft-up on April 16:



Thanks to Captains John K, Fred, Brian & Jay for a fun day and raft up. We had about 30 folks on the water. Upcoming Day Sails: The June Day Sail has been taken off the calendar since it is so close to the Memorial Day event and the Sailing Director will be out of town that week.

From the Helm - May, 2019

Ahoy Sailing Single Members,

We had a great time in April and as we head into May more activities are coming.

Thursdays at attending Flip Flops is always fun to visit with friends talk with captains and meet new members.

We are working on planning our Initiative to increase Captain membership to the club. So if you know boat owners near your condo, apartment or home please invite them to Flip Flops! We have a lot planned to I will keep you all posted.

SOS was a great success! It was a new venue for us and a new format. The classroom was full when I stopped in to see how it was going. The video that started the class seemed to have everyone listening, learning and it was a great start to a great day. The BBQ was not to happen this year but I heard the pizza was good and plenty of it. We plan for two SOS sessions each year and the Fall one will be just as exciting and educational I'm sure.

This month is the annual Hospice Sailing Regatta. The after race party is May 18 at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Join us and see who wins our baskets and gifts!

Annual Hospice Regatta After Race Party

When: Saturday May 18, 2019 - 6:00 PM

Where: Coral Ridge Yacht Club

Dinner registration:

<https://trustbridgefoundation.org/regatta-dinner-tickets/>

The club is working hard with sailing events, social events and our membership continues to grow. We have more to come!

Fair Winds,

Ethel Facundo, *Commodore*

Schedule of Events

5/2/19 – General Meeting – Stingers Pizza

5/9/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops (celebrating May birthdays)

5/16/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops

5/23/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops (wear Red, White, and Blue to celebrate Memorial Day; prize for best outfit!)

5/27/19 – SSSF Board Meeting – Stingers Pizza

5/30/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops

6/1/2019 – Barbecue & Pool Party at Wynmoor

6/6/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops

6/13/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops (celebrating June birthdays)

6/20/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops

6/27/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops

NO MEETING OR FLIP-FLOPS ON JULY 4! HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Happy May and June birthdays!

Anne Ekstrom – 05/03

Brett Combs – 05/04

Robert Bettarel – 05/08

Cheryl Lutz – 05/14

Walter Schildt – 05/14

Elyse Greene – 05/15

Jim Williams – 05/15

John Foy – 05/18

Diana Faure – 05/24

Cara Leigh – 05/25

Jennifer McDonald – 5/27

Camille Galindo – 5/28

Cindy Kehoe – 5/28

Francois Larose – 5/30

Paul Ugolini – 6/01

Lilian Bracht-Kern – 6/02

Arlene Sprenger – 6/02

Jean Crocker-Deering – 6/05

Jeannette Jordan – 6/07

Kathie Srur – 6/08

Debi Hallmark – 6/14

JoAnne Tanguay – 6/19

David Anderson – 6/21

Deborah Magraw – 6/24

Anita Papkov-Bloemker – 6/29

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Income tax preparation, tax planning, estate and trust taxes

The Spring SOS was held on April 6 and like a bad day on the ICW, there were a few obstacles to navigate:

- Lighthouse Point Marina not available? Use the US Naval Sea Cadets Corps facility.
- No separate rooms for separate classes? Put everyone in the same room and we all get taught at once, just like in grade school. (This actually worked to our advantage, because we were all able to view an excellent instructional video created by the American Sailing Association: www.ASA.com .)
- No grills for a bar-b-que? Order pizza.

Thanks to Vice Commodore William Bratt and his team for putting on an excellent day of informative education.

Presenters

Max Goldstein & Brian Brown - Knots
Shari Rex - General Boat Sailing and Safety
Arlene Sprenger - Boat Etiquette
Ken Bloemker - Sailboat Operating Systems

Helpers

Lynette Beal - food and set up
Nikki McSweeney - food and set up
Colleen Murphy - check in
Chela Caudle - set up and check in
Fred Gerbstadt - set up and parking





5/23/19 – Thursday Night Social – Flip Flops (wear Red, White, and Blue to celebrate Memorial Day; prize for best outfit!)

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What: Pool party / Bar-B-Que at Wynmoor ☼ Hosted by Sharon Schultz

Where: 1310 Avenue of the Stars, Coconut Creek, FL 33066. Entrance is at Coconut creek Parkway west of the Turnpike. **Map on next page.**

When: Saturday, June 1 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.

What to bring: Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert or \$5.00. The club will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs. BYOB! And please, no glass in the pool area.

Registration is mandatory: Everyone MUST register at the club website so the guard at the gate will have your names! Registration is open on-line from May 12-28. Free for members, \$10.00 for guests.

Starlight Musical Concerts in the Park – Starting June 7

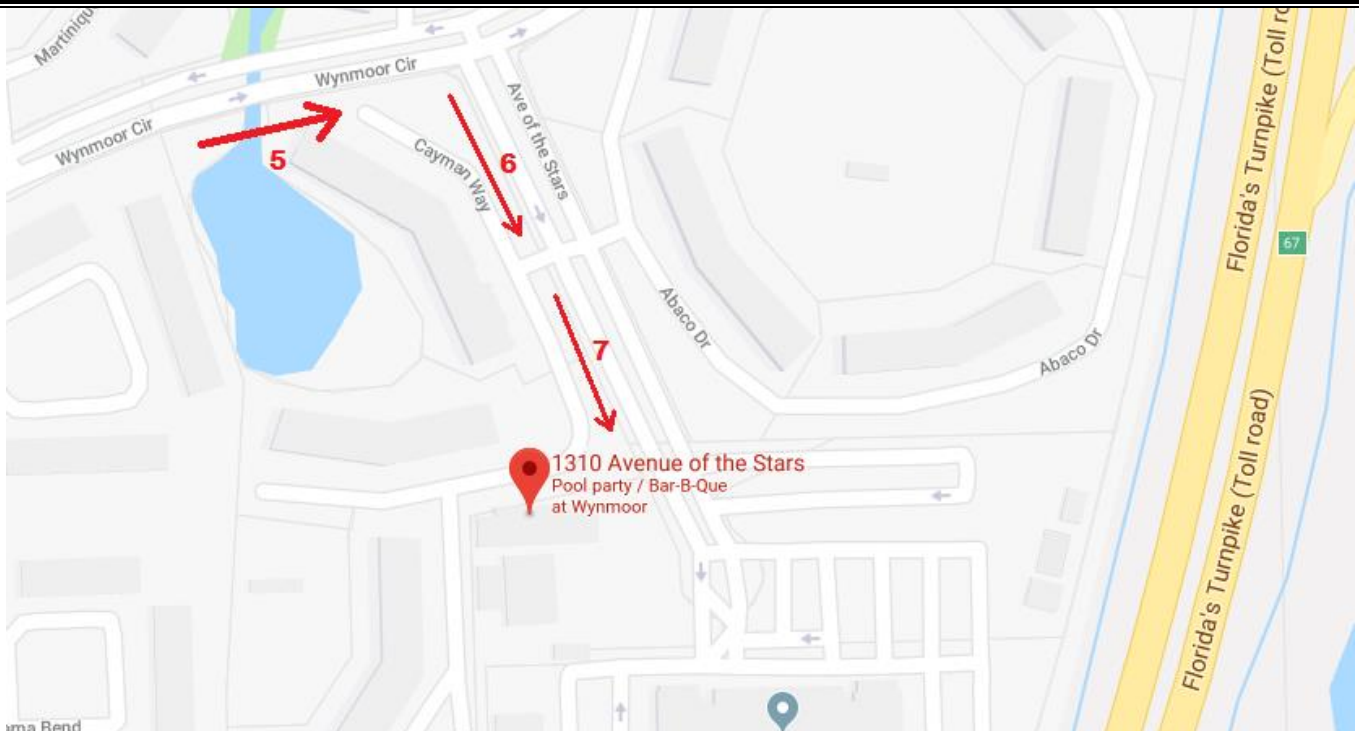
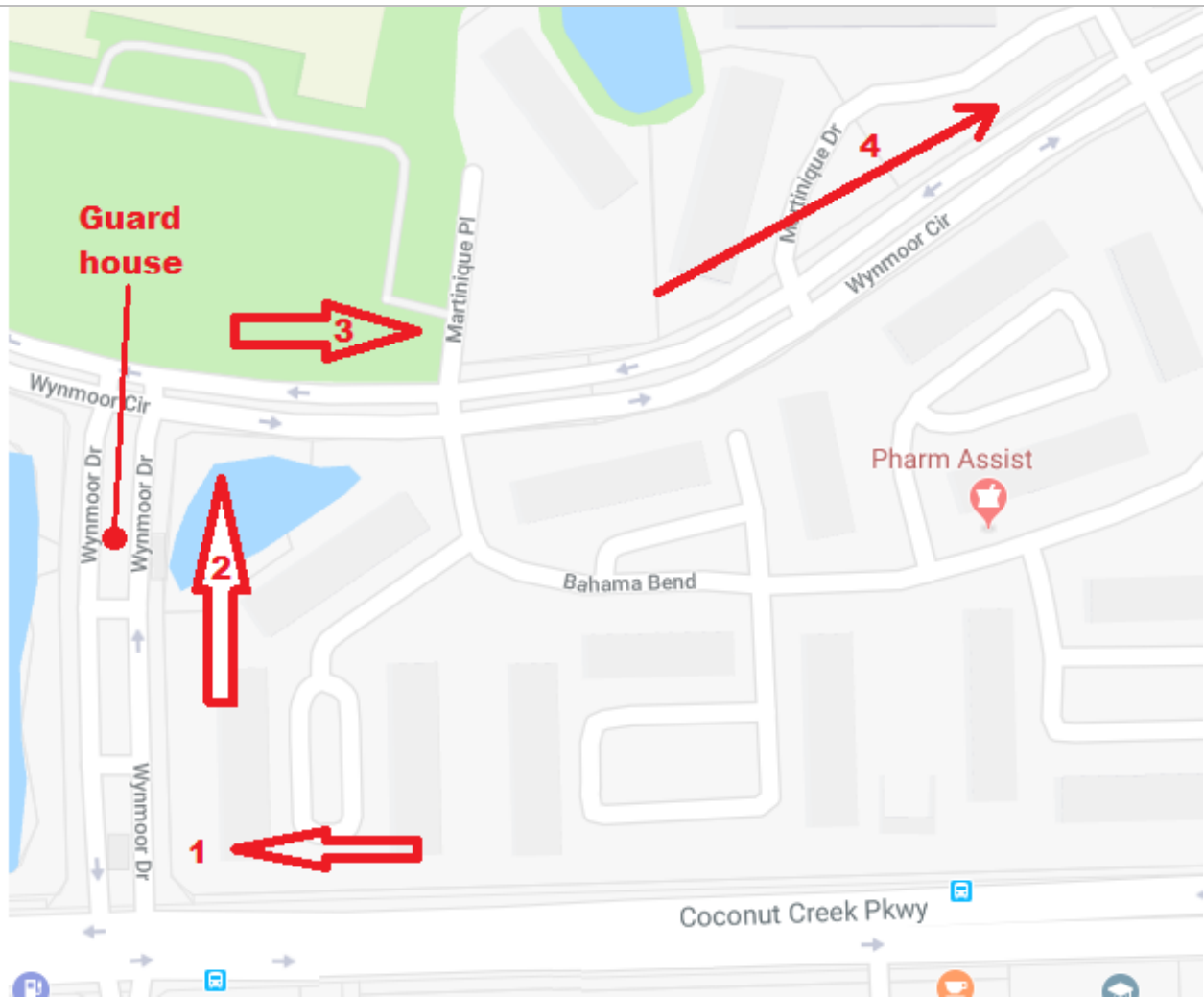
These are not club events, but we do gather for a social evenings every Friday night at Holiday Park (1300 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale). Look for the canopy with the pink flag. It's BYOB and bring food to share. Concerts start on June 7 and continue for eight weeks. Get there early (6:30) for good parking.

What: Cocktails on the Water ☼ Hosted by Lynette Beal

Where: Waterways Clubhouse - 1600 Waterways Blvd, Deerfield Beach

When: Saturday, August 17 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Details: Dancing to music provided by Steve M C. Members will bring appetizers, sides, and desserts (and their favorite wine/spirits). On-line registration and flyer forthcoming.



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(Illinois Judge, retired)

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Pets**CBD for Weight Loss*

Don't leave the dock without it. Thanks to Shari Rex for setting up this display at the SOS.

Using the Boat's Marine Radio

OK, let's assume the captain is unavailable. If there is an emergency, how do you get in touch with someone who can help you? How do you tell people where you are? And no, taking out your cell phone and calling 9-1-1 is not an option. Even if you were within range of a cell tower and you knew the phone number of the local Coast Guard station, there are better ways to communicate.

Most every boat that has a radio will be monitoring Channel 16. **Channel 16** is the primary VHF-FM marine radio calling and distress channel. You use it to make an initial contact and then move to another channel, like 68, 69, or 71. You should go to one of those channels first and see which has the least amount of chatter. It is not to be used for general conversation or radio checks.

There are typically two radios on a boat: Fixed-mount or hand-held. Most captains will have one of each. You do not need a license to use them.

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Using the Boat's Marine Radio (*Continued*)

To use the radio:

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.
5. Also give the following information:
 - Vessel name, number and/or description (This is *Ryan's Place*, small sailboat with a blue hull, this is *Viking Princess*, we're flying a Texas flag, etc.).
 - Position and/or location (use a GPS app or the longitude and latitude may be displayed on the console at the helm).
 - Nature of emergency.
 - Number of people on board.
 - Release transmit button.
 - Move to channel 68, 69, or 71 as directed.

Remember: Radio conversations are not private. When you are broadcasting, everyone within range tuned to that channel can hear everything you say. There is NO privacy on the airwaves!

Understand the difference between the following:

- **Mayday** is the internationally recognized distress call that is used as preface in VHF radio transmissions only in situations in which there is an immediate danger of loss of life or the vessel itself. This includes when a boat is sinking, there's a fire in the engine room, or someone on board is unconscious or experiencing a serious injury or illness.
- **Pan-Pan:** Use this safety if a person or the boat is in serious jeopardy but no immediate danger exists, but it could escalate into a mayday situation. For example, pan-pan is used in situations in which the boat has a slow leak or the engines are disabled and the boat is drifting toward a rocky shore.
- **Sécurité** is a safety signal used as a preface to announce a navigation safety message. This may be an approaching storm, a navigation light failure, or a submerged log in a harbor entrance.

When using one of these, always say it three times.

To contact another boat:

On channel 16, say the name of the boat you are calling three times, followed by the name of your boat. Then move to channel 68, 69, or 71 (check those channels first to see which is not being used). The SSSF club channel is 68.

To contact a bridge:

1. Switch to channel 9.
2. Say the bridge name three times, followed by:
3. The direction you're going (northbound, south bound, in-bound, out-bound)
4. What type of vessel (sailing, motor yacht, etc.)
5. Say the name of the boat.
6. Say why you're calling.

For example: Sunrise bridge, Sunrise bridge, Sunrise bridge, this is northbound sailing vessel *Escape* requesting an opening.

Finally: Some bridge openings are timed, some are on demand. *Know which is which.*

We now have a Wild Apricot Members App!

Wild Apricot's member app is a single app that associations can use for their members.

You can download the Wild Apricot member app for Android or iOS at our website.

What can members do with the member app?

- View a member directory
- View another member's profile
- Email their fellow members
- View an event calendar and event details
- Add event to their device calendar
- Register for an event and pay the registration fee
- Specify the number of guests (if the registration type was set up to collect the total number of guests only)
- View their existing event registrations
- Cancel an existing event registration
- Pay an outstanding event registration fee
- View their own member profile
- View their membership card

What can't members do with the member app?

- Update their member profiles
- Sign up for events using registration types that require a registration code



Part of our SSSF's contribution to the Hospice Regatta. If anyone is taking pictures, please send them to me.

- Max