

The Chowder Chatter

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August 2011

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



COMMODORE

Bob Duff

Summer is here! Hot and no wind. Now might be a good time to review hurricane plans for your boat. I don't claim to be an expert but I've been through direct hits and near misses over the years and have learned what and what not to do.

First, remove the sails. I have seen furled jibs that were wrapped with the sheets but still came unfurled, partially and completely. Many years ago the jib on the boat next to me not only came unfurled but pulled the furling drum out of the deck and it was swinging in the wind and did some damage to (the first) Chase The Clouds. Also, remove the main sail. Even if you wrap it tightly, there is still a lot of wind resistance.

Obviously you want to double the lines, but I learned from an old salt to spread the load. Most sailboats have two bow cleats so use both for the same side tie. For example if your bow line is tied to the starboard cleat run the second starboard line to the port cleat. Visa versa on the other side and the same with the stern lines. Running a line from a cleat around a piling and back to the cleat is not doubling lines. You want two, separate lines. Also, if you can use different pilings or even a tree ashore it will spread the load. Add plenty of fenders or better yet a fender board. Don't forget to seal the vents in the companionway hatch.

Finally allow as much scope as possible.

Fair Winds

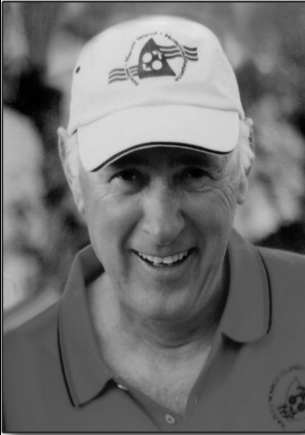
Bob Duff, Commodore
S/V Chase The Clouds

SUMMERSET 2011

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STEVE ROMAINE
VICE COMMODORE, SUMMERSET

Greetings from Boothbay Harbor, Maine. As I write this, Cindy and I are enjoying a "cool break" in the land of schooners, lobsters, rocky coastline, tall trees, "B & B's", and deep-draft vessels. Nice to visit this area but we are really lucky folks to be able to enjoy sailing the year round, and the great cruising and racing area we have in South-west Florida. Speaking of cruising and racing, did you know the **46th SummerSet Regatta** is coming up in early October?

- Have you got your crew lined up?
 - Have you made arrangements for dockage at Fort Myers Beach with special rates?
 - Whether cruising or racing, will your boat be ready?
 - If you're going to stay ashore at Fort Myers Beach, have you taken advantage of the special rates at the Pink Shell or Matanzas Inn?
 - Have you received your Entry Form/NOR? No you haven't! No one has - it should be up on our websites soon and you will receive one in the mail mid August.
 - Do you plan on ordering a cap (available in 5 colors) with your boat name embroidered upon? How about your crew? Do they want them? Only \$20, but orders for these special caps will cut off September 5th, so order soon please!
 - How about being a Boat Name Sponsor? Help youth sailing and join the crowd (last year 33) of boat names on the regatta T-shirt sleeve. Thanks!
 - Are you ready for a great door prize? You've got to be in it to win it! Prizes include haulouts, Fast Cat complimentary tickets on the Key West Express, Waterway Guides, Nautical Artware and gifts, etc. Even thousands of dollars worth of restaurant gift certificates.
 - Ready for shrimp, free beer at the Skippers' Meeting?
 - Ready for a \$35 Pink Shell Resort Sunday evening Awards Banquet Dinner for only 20 bucks? This was made possible by the sponsorship of Matt Miller of Morgan Stanley. Thanks Mark!
 - How many T-shirts are you going to order? Your committee has chosen one design from the sixteen artworks prepared for us by the Cape Coral Art League. This year's winning design voted 1st by your SummerSet Regatta Committee features racing yachts close hauled and in close proximity to one another, with a dramatic sunset over the Sanibel Lighthouse. Congratulations to Suzie Nelke, the winning artist.
- Have you taken a chance on the 2011 Raffle? This year, three items with a combined value of more than \$2,500 are in the mix. Suzanne Aguilera has the tickets and the details

August Cruising Report



Rear Commodore of Cruising
Ned Christensen

The Dog Days of Summer have truly arrived! Yesterday, July 21st, we went out sailing again. We enjoyed the sail, even though we did stop to clean the bottom of the boat. That bottom sure was dirty! (don't wait so long next time!) Anyway, the sail was wonderful with a good breeze from the west, little or no chop and not too hot. We had lunch on the boat, sailed and enjoyed the day. That is, up until we came back into the canal from the river! We really felt like we had climbed into a sauna once the breeze was removed from us by the houses. By the time we got the boat tied up, cleaned out and got onto the lanai, we were drenched in perspiration! The sailing was great, but the last 10 minutes or so to tie up and clean up were not. Next week when we go sailing, we'll try to choose a cooler day, or stay out longer in the afternoon.

August is fortunately our slowest month for cruises. Many people are gone for the summer and not all that many cruisers want to get away on their boats without air conditioning. Those who still get out on the water can choose from a couple of marinas that are offering some great specials. Fishermans Village Marina in Punta Gorda has offered two nights dockage for the price of one. Also, Heritage Marina in Ft. Myers is offering a rate of \$1.25 per foot per night IF you have three (3) boats or more.

Remember to drink lots of liquids while sailing, including water and Gatorade. Dehydration is the enemy!

Sailing Adventures To Be Shared At August Meeting

CMCS would like to welcome back John Kremiski and Sharon Del Bianco at the August 16th. meeting. John and Sharon will be sharing their cruising adventures of the past few years on their Catamaran "Sunbow".

This is a meeting you will want to attend so mark your calendars and we will see you there.

The social hour starts at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting is at 7:30 P.M.

Bill Misenheimer, Programs - CMCS

August Cruising

Fisherman's Village is having a Pirates fest the weekend of Aug. 26th-28th. Stay 2 nights for the price of one. If we put together a group of 5 or more, we will get an additional discount.

- **Pirate Battles with cannons and black powder weapons**
- **Plank Walking, Sea Shanty Competitions, Pirate Boat Parade**
- **Live Music from Celtic Mayhem, For Love or Money and many more!**
 - **Admission to the three day Pirate Fest is free!**
- **Come dressed as a Swashbuckler, Buccaneer or Tavern Wench and enter one of our costume contests for Kids, Adults and even Pets!**

Wander through more than a quarter mile of shaded corridors and breezeways full of waterfront restaurants, food and beverage vendors, Arts & Crafts, pirate themed vendors and village merchants!

If you want to go please contact Carolyn Wilson via email treefinder@bridgetotoole.com or phone 239 283 1138

It's a great way to spend a hot weekend...pool, lots of things to do, and air conditioning at half price!

**Is it time to renew your Boat US
Membership?**

Remember to use the CMCS Group ID #

GA82335B

on your application, and save half the price
of your annual membership fee.



Past member and catamaran sailor Sharon Delbianco suggests a great website to share with our lady cruisers:

<http://theboatgalley.com/>

September Cruising

SOUTH SEAS CRUISE/KAYUSA CUP RACE

September 16 -17- 18

Some of the cruisers will be sailing north to South Seas on Friday September 16. The rest of the fleet will be cruising and/or participating in the Kayusa Cup race and arriving Saturday September 17.

Dock Fee: \$2.25 per foot (minimum 30')
Power - 30 amp \$5.00 per day
50 amp \$8.00 per day

The dock fee includes wireless internet, water, cable & pump out. All resort amenities including lounge chairs and umbrellas at the beach.

Friday evening: Cruisers, cocktails and snacks on the dock 5:30. There are gas grills provided by the marina for marina guests if you would like to eat at the dock or on your boat. There are several eateries on site or within walking distance of the last trolley stop.

Saturday: Enjoy the pools, beach and just relax. For the more adventurous, bikes, kayaks and canoes are available to rent.

Late Saturday afternoon we will gather on Ned Christensen's Passion III for cocktails and snacks, At that time the results of the Kayusa Cup race will be announced.

Dinner that night will be at one of the local restaurants.

Land Cruisers: The front security gate will not admit anyone who is not on a list provided by the marina staff. Please e-mail me or call if you are coming by land so I can get you on that list.

The Marina is pet-friendly.

Attached is the Marina Reservation Form to be e-mailed or faxed by AUGUST 19, 2011 to:

Charles Martz
South Seas Yacht Harbour
FAX: 239-472-7511
Phone 888-777-3625 ext 3326
E-mail: cmartz@luxuryresorts.com

Please e-mail or call me after you make a reservation with your boat name and the date you are arriving.

Thank you,

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Additional information contact Dina May

630-269-4338 or dina.dinamay@gmail.com

6/11

Boat Slip Available

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8/11

Marine Equipment Needed

50 Amp to 30 Amp shore power adapter

Aluminum dock ladder (for permanent mounting to dock)

If you would like to sell, please contact Russell Vance, 239-471-2757 or vances105@comcast.net.

Autohelm 4000 wheel pilot. Worked well when removed.
Some spare parts. \$250.00

2 Honda 9.9hp long shaft motors for sale. Both run well. Both set up for remote operation. Remote shift/throttle levers included. \$1200.00 each.

2001 Mazda Miata convertible. Excellent condition, 39,675 miles \$9,200.00 Six speed manual transmission. All options for that year. Back surgery requires sale. This will make someone a great car.

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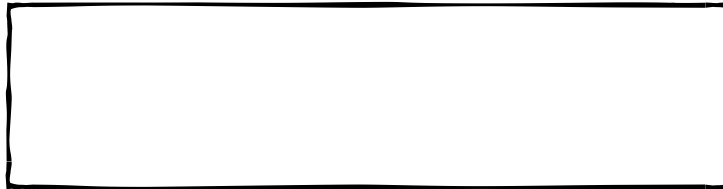
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**CMCS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
AUGUST 2011**

August 5-7

Tween Waters Cruise

August 16

Monthly Meeting—Featured Speaker

Social Hour 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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