

The Chowder Chatter

Newsletter of the Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



COMMODORE

Bob Duff

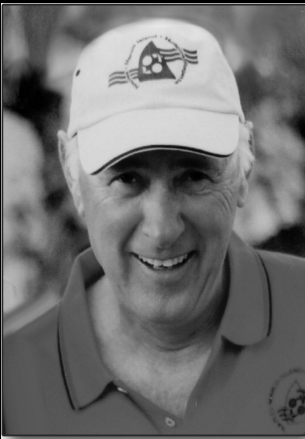
As I write this we have dodged another bullet; Hurricane Irene. Anyway, Summer is winding down and the racing and cruising season begins. We have the Kayusa Cup race/cruise in mid September and for our new members I'll give you the history behind this race. Bob and Betty Kayusa were long time members of CMCS and enjoyed cruising and loved racing. Bob, with his booming voice and Betty, with her southern drawl, were both teachers and you couldn't help be attracted to them. Even after Bob's death Betty continued racing and cruising. Subsequent to Betty's death their son Mike suggested that we name a race in their honor. It was decided the South Seas race would be re-named to the Kayusa Cup.

I would have to say our summer picnic was a success. We had about 40 members present and as usual, more than enough food. Thanks to chef Al Eastman for the perfect burgers and cheese burgers.

Fair Winds

Bob Duff, Commodore
S/V Chase The Clouds





STEVE ROMAINE
VICE COMMODORE, SUMMERSSET

SUMMERSSET 2011

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Hey! Hey! Hey! We have a new website. Try it - we think you'll like it. **Summerssetregatta.com**. Yes, with the help of Steve Roake, Cindy Naumann, Jerry Canning, Suzanne Aguilera, and Kathleen Vance, Jason Pim and his team at *Sharkinetics* has developed this site and will be establishing a new CMCS site as well. **Summerssetregatta.com** can answer most of your questions about Summersset, and has the entry form, along with instructions on how to enter, order shirts and caps, and order banquet dinner wristbands. Saturday's poolside cocktail party is part of your entry, but we need to know how many are attending, so please indicate how many tickets you need. Try clicking on our GOLD sponsor logos to go directly to our major sponsors' websites. Please support these folks as they support us, and youth sailing. **2011 Sponsor Forms** are also on the website and we have extended the due date to September 20th to help generate more \$\$\$ for youth sailing.

You should have received your Entry/NOR in the mail already. Please note that the popular microfiber shirts are on the order form, but **please order early** to be assured of getting the size you wish. Also please note the **correct telephone number for Salty Sam's Marina is 463-7333**, not as listed in the NOR.

Our September 20th monthly meeting will be a "**Kickoff to Summersset!**" Several children that CMCS sent to the Edison Sailing Center this past summer will be present to speak about their experience. West Marine will be there to present a check to Edison as a result of the CMCS Community Day. Your Summersset Committee will award prizes to winners and runners-up of two contests:

Contest 1: Worn Cap/Hat Contest: You know how bad they can get! Worn out, tattered, frayed, paint or oil thereupon, old or dirty is good. Nautical may get you votes.

Contest 2: Best Pirate Head: Yes, it will be Pirate Festival weekend at Fort Myers Beach during our Regatta. Wear a patch, DU, Headdress - come as a wench, *Whatever!* This will start to get us in the mood.

Just one rule: To be eligible for prizes, you **must be wearing a Summersset T-Shirt**. Vintage shirts should be interesting and likely will help you get votes.

A number of "Thank-you's" have been received from children and parents concerning their experiences at the Edison Sailing Center, and thanking us for the Sailing Grants. We issued a total of 24 grants, each for \$200.

Krissy writes:

Dear CMCS. Thank you for allowing me to participate in Sailing Camp. I am gaining experience on how to rig and unrig my boat, be respectful and resourceful, boat safety, teamwork, how to skull, and how and when to move in my boat. I feel blessed that you would go out of your way to let me get into this camp."

May writes:

Dear Friends of Edison Sailing. Thank you for the scholarship you gave me. I told my grandpa that I wanted to learn to sail and now I can and I love it."

Please address general questions about Summersset to Steve Romaine at Sromaine294@Yahoo.com. Questions about racing should be sent to Steve Roake at steve@theroakes.com.

Thanks, and Happy Sailing!

Steve



RACING NEWS

Things really slow down for racers in Summer! Sorry I didn't have a report for July. We were cruising in Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and the North Channel in Ontario. (Still am as I write this - we're in Petoskey, MI) Not very good e-mail or phone access in the wilderness! Incidentally, for those cruisers who read my reports, we carried a Spot Messenger on Lionheart. This is a relatively (in boating dollars!) inexpensive tracker that records and transmits our position every ten minutes via GPS and Satellite phone and posts our progress on a website using Google Maps. It's great for family to see where you are/were! The unit costs \$99 (West Marine, Bass Pro, etc. or the Web) and the annual service is \$149. The unit is about the size of a pack of cigarettes. It's also great for kayaking and hiking!!

The next race is the *Kayusa Cup* on September 15. Please e-mail your entries to me early so I can put the scratch sheet together for Mike Kayusa, who will be running this race. Racers will be receiving further information via e-mail around Labor Day.

It's time to renew your WFPHRF certificate! Certificates are valid from July 1 to June 30. Renew now on-line while you're thinking about it so you'll be ready for racing in the fall - especially Summerset! Avoid the last-minute rush!

Planning for the Summerset Regatta benefiting youth sailing is in full swing. This year, Summerset has its very own website - www.summersetregatta.com Steve Romaine promises the best regatta ever! It will be HUGE! Watch for more information from Steve and his committee as the event gets closer. Remember to renew/apply for your WFPHRF certificate and make docking reservations **EARLY!**

Summerset Lodging

Pink Shell Resort
275 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach
Special Room Rates
Call: 239-463-6181

Matanzas Inn
414 Crescent Street
Fort Myers Beach
Special Room Rates
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Call directly to reserve your rooms.

Be sure to mention you are with the CMCS Summerset Regatta

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Summerset Dockage at Fort Myers Beach

Moss Marine - Special \$1.25 Per Foot - 239-463-6137

Salty Sams Marina - Special \$1.25 Per Foot -- 239-463-7333

Pink Shell Resort (Face Dock - No Power, No Catamarans, or Trimarans)
\$35 Per night - 239-463-8633

Mooring Field at FMB
Matanzas Inn - 239-463-9258

It's not too early to begin thinking about 2012! I'm already working on the racing calendar! It's also not too early to begin thinking about volunteering to be the race committee chairman!!! I'd like to have someone on board early so they can get a feel for what's involved. The ideal candidate would be a non or former racer with a powerboat, although sailboats work just about as well. The only benefit to the powerboat is its nimbleness in setting and retrieving marks as well as changing courses when the wind shifts (as it often does in the winter!) Anyone with an interest that would like to learn more, Please feel free to contact me! Come out with us once to see what's involved! It's not boring, as you might think, and it's a great way to spend the day on the water and take in some sailboat racing up close!

September Cruising Report



Rear Commodore of Cruising
Ned Christensen

This month begins our cruising season. Early in the month is the Where the Wind Blows Cruise on September 3-5 . Two weeks later, on the 16th-18th, is that great cruise and race to South Seas Plantation. I'm sure that all of you have seen the information forwarded by Susan and John Reekie. Be sure to look at the attachment on Susan's blast to get the contact information for the dockage at South Seas. Dockage rates are spelled out on the attachment to Susan's email blast. Remember that at South Seas Plantation, the length of a boat is determined by measuring EVERYTHING on the boat, including anchors and dingy, that extend beyond the actual boat.

Summerset, our biggest event of the year, will take place on October 8th and 9th. Cruisers are invited to join in the festivities. The mooring field just under the Matanzas pass bridge is available at just \$13.78 per night including tax! There is a very good dingy dock on the

west side of the bridge that appeared as though it would hold up to 10 dingy's. Free WIFI is available, as well as clean showers. The Fort Myers Beach Pirate Festival will be in full swing, so plan on being at the festival during the day, and at the CMCS festivities at night. If you choose to utilize the mooring field remember that the mooring field IS NOT A DESIGNATED ANCHORAGE, and anchor lights must be used. The desk clerk at the Metanzas Inn stated that boats were being cited by the US Coast Guard. After all, their station is just across the bridge! Moorings are on a first come first serve basis. The telephone number for the Metanzas Inn is 239-463-9258. Hope to see you there.

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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 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,

Susan & John Reekie
239-540-5422
lazysusan13@embarqmail.com

Marina Reservation Form
September 16, 2011 departing September 18, 2011

Group: CMCS Sailing Club

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Owners Name _____ Vessel Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

OAL Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____ Sail _____ Power _____

Phone Number _____

Credit Card Type _____ Card # _____

Exact Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____

Email Address _____

\$2.25 per foot Power 30 amp- \$5.00 per day 50 amp- \$8.00 per day

100 amp- \$20.00 per day

These rates are for the OVER ALL LENGTH OF YOUR BOAT WHICH IS HOW MUCH SPACE YOUR BOAT OCCUPIES ON THE DOCK, THIS INCLUDES BOW PULPIT, SWIM PLATFORM AND ANYTHING HANGING FROM THE SWIM PLATFORM, DINGY, CANOES, ETC.

RATES LISTED ABOVE DO NOT REFLECT HOLIDAYS OR HOLIDAY WEEKENDS.

These rates includes wireless internet, water, pump out, cable (=6% sales tax) **Reservations can be changed or cancelled 3 days prior to arrival date.** After that, a no show/no call fee will be charged to individual's credit card equal to one night dockage based on LOA. LOA includes swim & anchor platforms & dinghy on davits. If you have special request, i.e. dock preference, handicap access, port or starboard tie, please list below.

Comments: _____

_____ Cardholder's Signature

NOTE: We do our best to honor special requests; there may be times during extremely busy season some request may not be possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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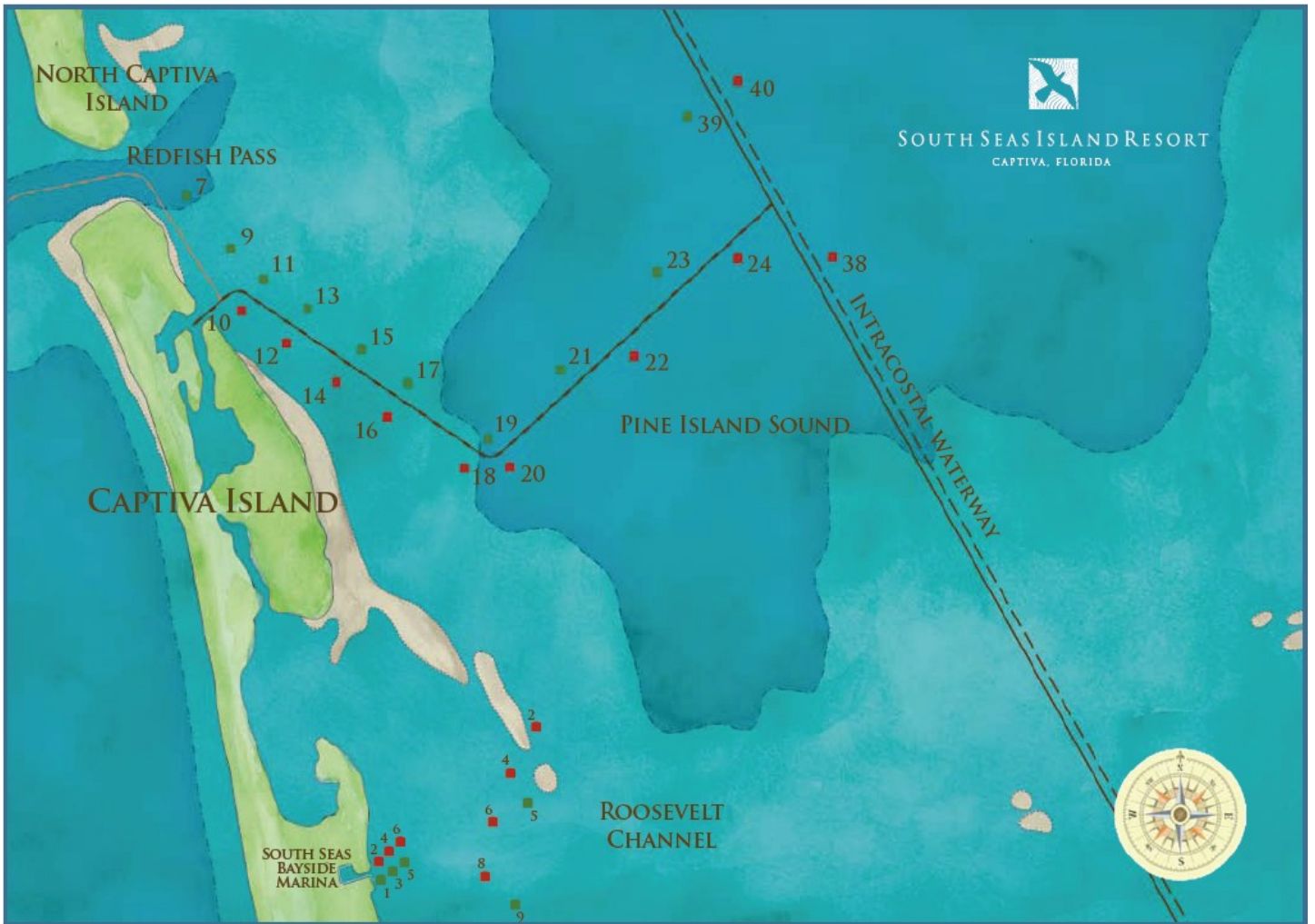
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LAND

SHALLOW WATER

SAND BAR

DEEP WATER



Sunmerset Race Start

Membership Report



FLEET RECRUITER

Bev Duff

membership@cmcs-sail.org

Well we certainly are into the "Dog Days of Summer" as the thermostat and humidity rise. After a summer visit for new granddaughter, I certainly could be talked into spending more time in Alaska June thru August! For those who have inquired, Morgan and baby Aislynn are doing just fine. Sorry to have missed the meetings but have sent out plenty of new member applications since my return. Look forward to meeting these folks at the August meeting.

Some folks have taken advantage of the CMCS membership 50% off sale. Please welcome **Steve Landis** who is joining us boatless at the moment but hopes to find the boat of his dreams (& pocketbook) soon. He is a long time sailor with cruising experience. He is looking forward to enjoying our many activities.

Also joining during the summer is **Kathy and Jim Lockwood** who have experience on the Great Lakes coming from Troy, Michigan. Kathy is a long time sailor while Jim is just getting the hang of the lines coming from power boat roots. They are new to SW Florida and we welcome them to our crew. They are also looking forward to all aspects of our activities.

Early August received the application for **Don and Judy Sheldon** with their '33 Morgan ~ "Merry Morgan". Know they are already looking forward to the New Years Cruise to Fisherman's Village as they were anxious to get on our slip roster. They come to us from Nashville, TN with a life time of sailing experience. We can thank Jim LaSorella for the referral. Don & Judy just finished a cruise of our SW FL islands this past January. Yes, a "Bad day on the water is always better than any day at work!"

Still looking for "Sail Mates" to mentor new members ~ helping them learn the ropes around CMCS. It is just being a friend to a fellow sailor and sharing our Club activities. If this sounds like something you would like to do ~ don't be shy about stepping up.

We had a fun off-water time at the Annual Picnic. Thank goodness for the shade and breezes of the Pavilion at the Yacht Club! Many thanks to chefs Bob Duff & Al Eastman for manning the flames, and all the great cooks of CMCS for bring the many salads and other items. We certainly didn't lack for plenty of food. Good food, good friends and plenty of time to catch up with each others' doings during the summer months.

If anyone else has changes or updates, please send me an Email and I'll make sure to get it taken care of as quickly as possible. In my world, no news is good news SO if I don't get a phone call or an Email advising of a change I can't help you with your question. I try to get the updated roster to the WEB site ea. month. Hint, if you aren't getting the various postings during the month ~ there may be a glitch so please give me a call or Email.

See you all out on the water ways of SW Florida!

TowBoatUS Provides Free DSC-VHF Radio Checks For Boaters In Gulf, FL Atlantic Coast

New Service to Ensure Your High-Tech Radio is Working Properly

ALEXANDRIA, Va. June 18, 2009 - With some help from TowBoatUS companies on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts from Alabama to New Jersey, recreational boaters will now get peace of mind knowing they have correctly installed their new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF marine radio - and it's functional. A free, DSC-VHF radio check service is now being offered under a single TowBoatUS digital hailing number, 0-338-04000, which allows boaters to easily call their local TowBoatUS tower for a complimentary DSC-VHF radio check.

The TowBoatUS 0-338-04000 MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) number is available to boaters hailing from the Gulf Coast at Mobile, AL, Florida and the Atlantic coast up to Sandy Hook, NJ. When this number is "dialed" on a DSC-VHF radio keypad, a boater will automatically be connected to the closest TowBoatUS port or response boat within radio range.

"By helping to ensure that this lifesaving device is working properly, we improve boaters' safety. That's important to all of us," said BoatUS Vice President of Towing Services Jerry Cardarelli.

While nearly all fixed mount VHF radios sold today are DSC equipped, boaters have reported that it can be hard to complete a digital radio check unless they have the MMSI of another boater.

DSC-VHF radios offer significant safety improvements over a standard VHF radio. A DSC-VHF includes a mayday distress button that allows anyone on board to summon emergency help. When connected to a GPS, the radio will give rescuers your exact location information.

In addition, these radios work seamlessly with the US Coast Guard's modern "Rescue 21" system, now operating on the Gulf Coast, Florida and Eastern seaboard up to Long Island, NY. More regions are scheduled to get Rescue 21 service throughout 2009-2011. The system already has proven to greatly reduce search times for boaters seeking rescue. These new radios also offer more improved telephone-like enhancements, such as "direct" calling.

If you'd like to learn more about DSC-VHF radios, go to the free, online DSC-VHF tutorial at <http://www.BoatUS.com/mmsi> where you can also register to receive an MMSI number for your own DSC radio.

Some tips for completing a free TowBoatUS DSC-VHF radio check:-- Before a DSC-VHF radio check, boaters must register their DSC-VHF radio to receive their own MMSI number and program it into their radio before they can make any call. BoatUS provides this registration service for free at <http://www.BoatUS.com/mmsi>.

-- Boaters should call their local TowBoatUS company's landline telephone number first to schedule the free DSC-VHF radio check ahead of time. You can find the phone number for your local TowBoatUS company online at <http://www.BoatUS.com/msl>. When you call, also ask what local VHF channel your towing company uses as this will be the channel to set your radio at prior to making the radio check.

-- Just like putting a speed dial in your cell or home phone, boaters can enter the TowBoatUS 0-338-04000 MMSI in their DSC-VHF radio address book.

-- DSC-VHF radio checks should be done using the "high power" (25 watts) function.

-- The free radio checks will not confirm the operation of the one-button distress a.k.a. mayday button feature. However, TowBoatUS operators will confirm if your GPS latitude and longitude position is displayed during the radio check.

-- The DSC-VHF radio must be installed (fixed-mount) and connected to a GPS or Loran to ensure the Coast Guard and others will receive your location when using the distress button.

-- Kindly keep in mind that the fleet's priority remains responding to towing calls.

About DSC-VHF Radios: DSC-VHF radios allow boaters to communicate much like a cell phone. To make a ship-to-ship DSC-VHF radio call, boaters simply enter the other vessel's unique Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number of whom they want to speak to on the radio's keypad. The radio connects the call electronically (without a voice) on DSC-VHF channel 70, and then automatically switches to a selected working VHF channel where (non-private) voice communication takes place. A one-button mayday distress feature provides rescuers and nearby vessels with exact latitude and longitude location information, greatly reducing search and rescue response times. To view a tutorial on DSC-VHF radios from the BoatUS. Foundation for Boating Safety, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/mmsi>.

C.M.C.S . CHANDLERY

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Don Lawson, Chowder Chatter Editor at chowderchatter@cmcs-sail.org

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Your ad will be listed for 3 months unless you notify me to take your listing out sooner.

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**CMCS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 2011**

September 3-5

Where The Wind Blows Cruise

September 16-18

South Seas Plantation Cruise

September 17

Kayusa Cup Race

September 20

Monthly Meeting

Social Hour 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.