

The Chowder Chatter

Newsletter of the Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society

A Premiere Sailing Club of Southwest Florida

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December 2011

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



COMMODORE

Bob Duff

Another year is almost gone. I don't know about any of you, but the older I get the quicker time seems to fly. I've enjoyed being your Commodore this year and hope I have served the club well. For those newer members this is my second time as Commodore and it's changed a lot from the first time. Here's a quick comparison between 1985 and 2011. 1985 Budget: yes we have money in the bank and is there beer in the cooler? 2011 Budget: a multi page, 2 board meeting process. 1985 Chowder Chatter: "it will be printed this month if the editor gets around to it." 2011 Chowder Chatter; strict monthly deadline and printed online. And to wrap this up, 1985 Summerset: Well, it's June do we have a beer sponsor? 2011 Summerset: A 10 month, multi person process. Change is good, I guess.

Tis the giving season so to get you into the holiday spirit make sure to bring a toy and canned food to December's meeting. Also at the meeting we will be serving turkey, ham and fixins but bring a dish to share. Social hour at 18:30 with food served shortly thereafter.

Did you enjoy the fashion show at November's meeting? Thanks to Judy Tomlins for arranging it. **ATTENTION ON DECK!** The commodore has left the bridge.

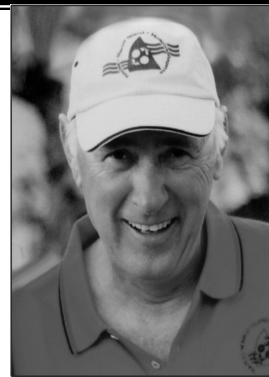
Happy Holidays and Fair Winds

Bob Duff, Commodore

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Due to the unprecedented support we received, as well as cost control, we are proud to report that a major contribution will be made to youth sailing. This year's Summerset Regatta was the best to date in support of youth marine activities. \$9,500 has been raised in profit from the 46th Summerset Regatta, and will be distributed locally in the form of 32 Youth Sailing Grants to the Edison Sailing Center, plus our annual contribution to the Ostego Bay Foundation. You may recall that \$1,100 was contributed earlier to the Edison Sailing Center from the CMCS-sponsored West Marine Community Day. The balance of our contribution is being made to six other youth sailing organizations in Southwest Florida. In total, more than \$10,000 will be distributed. This is a record level of contribution, and we have our members, sponsors, boat entrants, and cost control measures to thank for this accomplishment.

The Edison Sailing Center Grant Process will begin in March. Top priority will be given to children and grandchildren of our members, and to needy children in our community. We want to use all 32 grants so get your candidates lined up early and apply. Applications can be obtained from Chuck Milbrandt, our Grant Program Administrator.

On another note, it has been brought to my attention that Matt Miller of Morgan Stanley, one of our valued gold-level sponsors, has sent a letter and e-mails to many of our members. Matt has several of our members as clients, and is a very reputable broker. Although we value his sponsorship very much, our calendar clearly states that "commercial use of the information contained in this listing is prohibited without prior written consent of the CMCS Board of Directors." I did not approve of or bring to the Board a recommendation for such action. If at this time you wish to be removed from Matt's e-mail list please send him an e-mail to that effect. This is also a reminder to not share our calendar roster with any commercial enterprise unless board approved.

Thank you and fair winds.

Steve



*Rear Commodore of Racing
Steve Roake*

RACING NEWS

The Festival of the Islands Regatta was a big success with 14 boats participating. We cheated the weatherman AGAIN! It turned out to be a great day to be on the water with NNE breezes and calm seas. We were able to get in three races and still make the party! After racing, many of the racers and crew gathered with the Matanzas Pass cruisers and some CMCS Land Cruisers at Bonita Bills for appetizers and beverages. We had a good turnout for racing as well as the party.

Race results for the Festival of the Islands Regatta were as follows: In the Spinnaker Division Joel Andrews' **Macushla** was first followed by Forrest Banks **Midnite Rider**. In the Non-Spinnaker Division Steve Romaine's **Air Supply** was first, followed by Cecil Hazen's **Desperado**. In the True Cruising Division, David Naumann's **Jolly Mon** was first, followed by Dan Merriman's **Air Boss** and Roger Horton's **Wicked Wicked Ways**.

The next race will be The **Commodore's Cup Regatta** on December 3. After the races there will be a Commodore's Dinner at the Cape Coral Yacht Club (reservations required). This is an all-club function. See further details elsewhere in November's Chowder Chatter.

One regatta remains in the Buoy Series. Series results will be announced after the final event (Commodore's Cup). The Buoy Series awards will be presented at the Change of Watch dinner in January.

The **Kayusa Cup** is a perpetual trophy awarded to the boat with the best corrected time in the Kayusa Cup Distance Race to South Seas Resort on Captiva Island. This year's recipient is **Robert Libbey's Anhinga**. The trophy will be presented at the Change of Watch Dinner in January. The trophy resides in the club's trophy case in the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

The **Commodores Cup** is also a perpetual trophy awarded to the boats racing in the Commodore's Cup Regatta with best corrected times in each division. The names of the recipients will be engraved on the trophy plaques and displayed at the Change of Watch Dinner. This trophy also resides in the club's trophy case in the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

In case you didn't know, I'm your local WFPHRF handicap committee representative. If you have any questions, problems or concerns regarding the handicapping process, please feel free to contact me. I'll try to assist you in any way I can.

It's not too early to begin thinking about 2012. If anyone has any suggestions for next year's racing program, please bring these to my attention as soon as possible. These ideas might include changes to the Sailing Instructions, awards, additional racing events, racing seminars, social events and skippers meetings, and more!

It's also not too early to begin thinking about volunteering to be the race committee chairman!!! 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!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the date of the Chili Cook-Off Race and social, originally scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2012, has been changed to Saturday, January 14, 2012. Please make a note of it!



LADIES BRIDGE CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ahoy Ladies! Our annual Christmas Party, Potluck, and *Pirate Gift Exchange* is coming up. This year's event will be held at Suzanne Aguilera's home.

Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 - \$25 for the infamous *Pirate Gift exchange*, an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011

Time: 7 PM

Address: 1428 SW 49th Terrace, Cape Coral

(So. on Chiquita from Cape Coral Pkw, take 3rd left)

Parking may be limited, so car-pooling is suggested or park in SE corner of the Publix parking lot on Chiquita and car pool from there. (House is just down the street from Publix).

New Years at Fisherman's Village

It's that time of year again! So far we have 22 boats reserved for slips! If you want to join in, please contact me, 239 283 1138 or treefinder@bridgetotoole.com Or you can contact: Randy Chevalier at Fisherman's village. 941 575 3000 randy@fishville.com

When last we spoke, he said he had a few slips available. If not, get on the waiting list. We have always been able to get everyone in. We get a nice discount, depending on how many boats we have. Right now we are at the maximum!!

Generally boats stay 1,2, or 3 nights. We have use of the club room for New Year's Eve. Cocktails and snacks at 5 PM. Potluck dinner later Bring a dish to share if you are going to participate.

For those who wish to dine out:

Raimund Haunholter - 549-0719 , rhaunho@embarqmail.com, has once again graciously agreed to handle the reservations at Captain's Table Marina; Entertainment this year will again be a band!

Come by boat or vehicle. Ample free parking at the marina. Free use of Marina bikes...heated pool for boaters. Many shops at the Village. Only a few blocks to Historic Downtown Punta Gorda.

This cruise has morphed into a destination cruise, but plenty of boats will rendezvous at Pelican Harbor beginning December 26. From there some go to Bert's bar for a night. Some hang out. It's a DIY cruise. Weather is always a factor! Cocktails and snacks most evenings.

Hope to see you there!
Carolyn Wilson

November's Cruising Report

Submitted by *Glen Vetter*

OK - this is not an old report from 2010. Our 2011 Rear Commodore of Cruising - Ned Christensen - got that old Island Itch, and has headed back to the USVI and islands beyond. Therefore, I've taken up the task of writing a very brief report.

We've had two cruises since our last Chowder Chatter. The Halloween Cruise - which almost took place, and the Matanzas Pass Cruise - which turned out great.

Coming up:

Thanksgiving Cruise - probably over before you see this report.

The New Year's Cruise to Fisherman's Village. Hopefully, you've already made your reservations.

Matanzas Pass Cruise

November 4th thru 6th

The weekend turned out to be beautiful. Friday was a bit breezy, which created a bit of a challenge picking up a mooring at the Matanzas Pass mooring field. But, once secured, the three boats which arrived this day had a comfortable evening. The crew from Miller Time and Windswept joined together on Freestyle for cocktails and appetizers.

Saturday morning we all headed in to the floating dinghy dock located under the Southern end of the 65' Fort Myers Beach bridge. The plan was to watch the Festival of the Islands race and for a while, and then catch the trolley down to the Holiday Inn to take in the international sand castle contest. The racers were having a busy time of it in the brisk Northerly breeze. But, unfortunately for us, there was a very very large contingent of tourists with the same plan to use the trolley. It was immediately apparent that a "Plan-B" was necessary. That plan was to walk over to Nervous Nelly's in search of the perfect Cuban Sandwich. The Cubans were indeed excellent, and everything was - as Deedee Cheek put it "Perfect" sitting out on Nervous Nelly's back porch. Unfortunately - the day was not quite "Perfect" for Trust Me, who we watched coming in through the pass. As we found out, their center board cable parted soon after they departed their slip in South Fort Myers.

Saturday evening we must have had about fifty CMCS'ers as the racers joined the cruisers and the racer / cruisers for Happy Hour at Bonita Bill's. How can you not have an excellent time with such great company and when the club is buying the appetizers. THANK YOU CMCS!!!

Sunday morning Bare Feet - a racer / cruiser - joined our contingency as Trust Me headed back home to attempt getting into their slip at high tide. The day's itinerary was slightly modified. Rather than simply cruising around the back bay on Freestyle, we cruised on down to the Fish House restaurant (next to Dolphin Marina), and tied Freestyle up at their floating dock. We then walked across the street to the Holiday Inn, and spent a couple hours taking in the spectacular sand castles. These were definitely works of art by artist from all over the world. Then our group wondered back to the Fish House for a delightful lunch.

Submitted by:

Glen & Paula Vetter



CMCS Holiday Dinner
Tuesday, December 20th
General Membership Meeting

Our annual Holiday Dinner is right around the corner! This year the club will provide Honey Baked Hams, Turkeys, rolls and dessert. We'll also supply the condiments, plates, and utensils. All you need to do is please bring your choice of beverage and a side or salad.

If your last name begins with A-G
Please bring a salad with a serving utensil

If you last name begins with H-Z
Please bring a side with a serving utensil

Each year we've collected food and toys for those who are in need, especially this time of year. So we're asking that if you care to, please bring a few nonperishable food items and an unwrapped toy. The food will go to the Cape Coral Caring Center and the toys will go to a local agency.

We'll have a brief social starting at 6:30 and dinner will follow shortly thereafter.

So please try to arrive by 6:30 with your side or salad and donated items.

OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Ray & Diane's house: 2540 El Dorado Pkwy WEST (west of Chiquita), Cape Coral, FL 33914 239-540-0016 RSVP. No gifts, please. Just stop by & share a toast with us.

Boat DE naming and RE naming ceremony of our new Catalina 320, Windy City, @ 3 pm. SHARP! (That's 1500 for you salty guys and gals.)

at 1700 hours (or 5 pm.) - Chef Ray will serve his famous "baked ziti" with garlic bread. Feel free to bring your own side dish to share and drinks, of course. See you then!

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Dec 2011

CMCS ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER

Can you believe it.....time to recognize our outgoing Flag Officers, Board members and Committee folk and to welcome the 2012 Flag Officers and Board members. So, mark your calendar for Saturday, January 7, 2012. The festivities will be held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club in Cape Coral at 6:00 p.m.

Wear your festive attire, and be ready to enjoy cocktails (BYOB) and a delicious buffet dinner, with dancing to the music of our own CMCS band, "Petty Cash". Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with buffet at 7:00 p.m. Awards will take place during dessert with dancing to follow.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday January 4, 2012 with NO exceptions.

ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

Cape Coral Yacht Club

5817 Driftwood Parkway

Cape Coral, FL

Name of Person(s) Attending _____

Total Amount Enclosed (\$30.00 per person) \$ _____

Please note: BYOB AND SET-UPS (glasses are provided)

Make checks payable to CMCS and mail to: Elise Missall, 13163 Tall Pine Circle, Fort Myers FL 33907

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday January 4, 2012 with NO exceptions

Membership Report



FLEET RECRUITER

Bev Duff

membership@cmcs-sail.org

Oh my, can it be the near end of the year already! Where have the months gone? Know in our family there have been many changes and challenges however, there is always our CMCS "family" to share our life's enjoyment of the water.

The Boat Show was a great success for generating interest in CMCS. Thank you to the members who were willing to man the table at the show. It brought us two new members: David & Peggy Riley and Tony Solgard who signed up at the very next meeting.

David & Peggy Riley come to us with a lifetime of boating/sailing. They have sailed everywhere warm, and cold. Especially noted the sailing trip of Seattle, WA to Seward, AK (I'm so jealous) in their 38' Hans Christian. Then they roughed it for 2 summers in Prince William Sound . . . They now make Cape Coral their home and have a 42' Chris Craft Sportfish with 3.5 ft draft named SeaBreeze. Welcome David & Peggy!

A new crew member, **Tony Solgard** has joined our ranks looking for more experience on the water. He comes to us from Minneapolis, MI with sailing and cruising experience of 5+ years on the Lake Superior, Chesapeake Bay and British Virginia Islands. Tony is new to the area but looking forward to warm weather and sailing experiences. Welcome Tony!

RENEWAL time is drawing to a close to make the Annual Calendar. Thank you very much to the members who have sent in their dues before the Drop Dead Date. **The 2012 dues are \$100.00 for full membership and Crew membership will be \$50. The cost for a NEW membership will be \$120.00.** The dues rate can't be beat and the lowest in years.

Speaking of making new friends, some members have called looking for crew for upcoming racing season. If you want an opportunity to get out on one of the racing fleet, this is your chance! Please contact me at the site above if you are available to crew and brief explanation of your experience so I can get a list out to the Captains in the Club. "Crewing" is everything from being "rail meat" to serious equipment handling on the fore deck and everything in between.

Any changes or updates regarding members, please send me an Email and I'll make sure to get a "Blast" out to the membership. 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!

CALOOSAHATCHEE MARCHING & CHOWDER SOCIETY

2012



Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2012 are due by November 30, 2011.

If not received by this date, you will not be listed in the CMCS 2012 Calendar.

Please check the appropriate area(s) and complete the form. The Chowder Chatter is available for everyone to view on our website. If you care to have our newsletter printed and mailed to you, please add \$24. for cost.

Family (Boat) Membership: A membership for your entire household, with or without a boat.

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Boat Type/Make/Manufacturer: _____ Length: _____

Draft: _____ Beam: _____ Height: _____ Sail #: _____ PHRF Rating: Y N

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Boat Type/Make/Manufacturer: _____ Length: _____

Draft: _____ Beam: _____ Height: _____ Sail #: _____ PHRF Rating: Y N

Interested in Helping Out Your Club? Get involved! Check one:

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Your membership dues pay for the club's operation, including Rent, Insurance, Calendar and Activities.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB! Participate in our Social Events. Buy a CMCS shirt or hat. Be a Summerset Regatta Sponsor. Get out ~ race or attend a cruise! HAVE FUN!

Do you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve our club? Please Note it on the back of this form.

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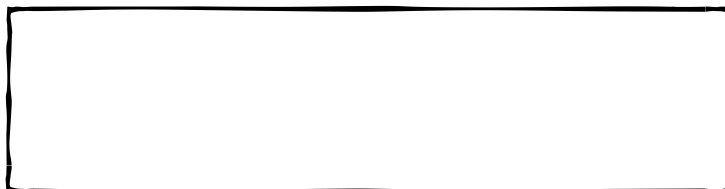
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**CMCS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2011**

December 3	Commodore Cup Race Commodore Cup Dinner 6p.m.—CC Yacht Club
December 14	Ladies bridge Club—7 p.m.
December 20	Monthly Meeting Election of Officers 6:30 p.m. Christmas Party 7:30 p.m.
December 26-Jan 1	Holiday Cruise

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