The Chowder Chatter newsletter

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March 2018
www.cmcs-sail.org
Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society
Commodore’s Message

“Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell them, “Certainly I can!” --- and get busy and find how to do it!” (Theodore Roosevelt)

So, to that end ~ Thank you so much to all the members volunteers who have stepped up to chair committees!

Cathy Friedel has offered to be Fleet Recruiter with Jim & Bev Slager helping with the technology portion. (Yes, there is a great deal that goes on behind the scenes with CMCS). Several members are looking at taking on the “Ships Store” that has been manned by Russ Green and Rose Young. They are more than willing to jump start whoever takes over. Our own Jason Pim has stepped up to help with Programs so if you have something you would like to share, please let him know . . .

If you missed the February, Member Appreciation, meeting you missed a good time! We had Skip Rowland, author, a speaker who entertained us with his world cruising exploits. Purchased his books and they read as if he is speaking . . . very entertaining.

The Racers have been getting out on the water and as a whole the weather has been cooperating to provide good winds to keep the boats moving. Our new program seems to be drawing boats from around SW Florida.

Checking my list of events for March and we’re planning on the Pelican Bay and Palm Island Cruises. AND in between those events we have the Shrimp Boil dinner on the 18th. All the information needed to sign up for all these events is in your Chowder Chatter, & on the WEB site.

With CMCS, there is always something to do and I hope that everyone will take full advantage of our full schedule. Just remember to RSVP those events as requested.

See you on the water!

Bev Duff
Commodore
s/v Chase the Clouds

Vice Commodore of Summerset Report

Well, so you are all aware of the process, now is when we start to give out the Scholarships to the Edison Sailing Center Summer Learn-to-Sail Program. If you have a family member, friend, church acquaintance between the ages of 8-15 who is interested in learning to Sail, have them get in touch with Marla Parker, our Grants Coordinator. (239-910-0554). It is a two-week program that usually costs $200. You can check it out on the Edison Sailing Center website (www.EdisonSailingCenter.org)

Steve Romaine and I are now out visiting with the three sites of the social gatherings. Bonita Bills for Friday night's Skippers Meeting, the Original Shrimp Dock for Saturday night's Cocktail Party and most likely the Diamond Head for the Sunday Awards Dinner. In each case we try our best to negotiate a deal that benefits everyone.

The Sponsorship Letters and Forms have been updated and printed, and we have confirmed with Roger Horton, our resident Artist, that we will be using one of his paintings on our Regatta T-Shirt this year.

We are considering sources for this year’s Skippers Bags. If you have any ideas, let us know.

We will be having our first Summerset Committee Meeting at my Condo on Thursday Night March 29 so don't be surprised if you get a call from me asking you to join us.

Allen Fiske
Vice Commodore Summerset
s/v Minimum Balance
Rear Commodore of Cruising Report

Thank you to Bev and Bob Duff for leading the EPOL cruise. They really know how to throw a party. The Oyster feast was great and we had as many boats as space would allow. Oysters were locally procured and we had just the right amount. A few hearty souls wandered over to the parade. Thanks again to Bev and Bob Duff for a wonderful time.

Next up we’re headed to Pelican Bay March 9-11 where Jeff and Bobbie Sue Soshnick aboard Grateful will be your hosts. They’re looking forward to great happy hours at the beach and whatever else sounds fun.

After that, Steve and I will be your hosts at Palm Island March 29-April 1. If you’re very good, maybe the Easter Bunny will visit!

We have filled the slips for this cruise but I have started a waitlist. Some boats have already decided to join us from an anchorage nearby. For more information, please feel free to contact me.

That’s all for now. Hope to see you out on the water.

Theresa Roake
Rear Commodore Cruising
s/v Lionheart

Rear Commodore-Racing’s Report

So the results are in. We had a lovely race with an incredibly competitive fleet (at least for the front four boats).

Here is a snap shot. Eroica managed to pull off a first, but if you look at the details, it was by a corrected time of only 46 seconds in the first race, after an hour of racing! Wow. And then the difference between second and third was only 2 seconds.

Second place went to Blue Heron. And third was Nurdle. Jolly Mon had to retire after the first race but if you look at the details from the Race 1 results you can see that the front four boats all came in within 90 seconds of corrected time, after an hour long race!!!

See the summary results by class on the next page. We had three boats from true cruising and three from non-spin.

But the best part was the after party. All of the skippers and crew arrived at Salty Sam’s right after the race for a toast to the competition. Lots of good stories and happy faces!! Hopefully next year we will attract a lot more boats, new boats, Naples boats, to the Winter Series Races!!

James Gallagher
Rear Commodore – Racing
s/v Calusa
Winter Series #5

Class=CMCS Racers ScoreMethod=PHRF (Time on distance)

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Speed as VMG of winning boat: 4.0 knots

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Speed as VMG of winning boat: 3.9 knots
**Membership and Recruitment**

**Ahoy CMCS Members,**

I’m happy to report that I have volunteered to take the position of Fleet Recruiter this year. I’m grateful for Bev Duff’s guidance and will be working in concert with Jim and Bev Slager who are past recruiters.

I’m in the process of getting the new member packets in the mail this week. This past Tuesday, February 20th was our annual Member Appreciation night. We had a good attendance as well as a fascinating presentation from author Skip Rowland. At this appreciation event, committee members set up tables to present and inform members about their committees and what they do.

We like to see new volunteers take over these committees each new year and we highly recommend it. When my husband Bob and I joined we began as assistants to the fleet recruiter as greeters at the membership table for each general meeting. Let me tell you, that’s one of the great ways to start to get to know your fellow members. We also attended the liberty ashore events and got right into helping set up the events as well as remaining behind to help with clean up. These are simple ways to get involved and become comfortable with taking on other volunteer activities. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work”. Our members are so welcoming and friendly you will feel at ease right away.

Good news! We have new members this month. Larry and Linda Sherman have joined our happy group. They have a West Wight Potter 19 named Miss Carmen and are interested in day sailing, short cruises and socializing. They are retired with 40 years of cruising experience. We give a big welcome to Larry and Linda. So again members remember volunteering and participating it what makes this a great club.

*Cathy Friedel*

Fleet Recruiter
s/v Ambiance

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**LIBERTY ASHORE**

Greetings from the Liberty Ashore Team! We had a great Membership Appreciation meeting on February 20th with more than 10 displays manned by our Membership, Cruising, Summerset, Website, Ship Store, Historian, Liberty Ashore, Ladies Bridge Club, Racing committees, and more.

Sweet and savory happy hour snacks were provided at each table, so attendees could enjoy with their liquid refreshments!

A big thank you to our members who make this a great club - and especially to all of the volunteers who make it happen. Also hats off to our fabulous speakers Skip and Denise Rowland.

Now our focus is the **Shrimp Festival**. It’s an all-you-can-eat feast with shrimp/chicken and all the fixings! **BYOB. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT (your specialty) TO SHARE!**

**Mark the date:** Sunday, March 18, 6 pm at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Fill out the form in this newsletter and mail your CHECK MADE OUT TO CMCS to Wendy Cook; or register and pay online before March 14 at [http://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/shrimp-boil/](http://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/shrimp-boil/)

We also need Shrimp Festival volunteers! Please contact Wendy Cook at rcook1955@gmail.com to volunteer help with cooking, serving, set-up, and cleanup! Liberty Ashore Needs You!

**LIBERTY ASHORE GRILL NIGHT & POTLUCK**

Tuesday, April 17, 2017 – 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the beachside Pavilion at Cape Coral Yacht Club.

Grills will be fired up and ready for you to grill your protein portion of your meal.

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**All attendees, please bring:**

- The protein portion of your meal that you want to grill.
- A potluck side dish to share: vegetable, salad, appetizer or dessert (serving for 6 or more)
- Your own beverage

CMCS will provide a hot grill ready for grilling, paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils, ketchup, mustard, relish, salt, pepper and grilling utensils.

**Julie Long & Wendy Cook**

Liberty Ashore Chairpersons

“s/v Gone with the Wind” and “m/v Calypso”

**LADIES BRIDGE CLUB**

Ladies Bridge Club will host a **NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET**! Bring your marine goods to March 20 meeting; call Rose Ann Hoffman 203-820-5751 to reserve a table or share a table. (Unless you already signed up at Feb. meeting)

Hopefully all members are checking out Sandy Canning’s Thursday get-together luncheons, watch your emails.

Ladies Bridge Club is starting a new program, **CAPTAIN-CONNECT**; we will gladly organize sailors with crew to move / race / day sail boats with captains- It starts with you, call us, tell us what you need.

April Ladies Club will be a day sail: boats wanted! contact Rose Ann Hoffman.

**Rose Ann Hoffman and Rose Young**

Co-Chairpersons Ladies Bridge Club

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**CMCS Chowder Chatter**

**March, 2018**

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**YOUTH SAILING**

**Edison Sailing Center Sailing Grants Available for Summer 2018 Session**

CMCS graciously and generously supports youth sailing through its scholarship program.

CMCS members are invited to submit scholarship applications for children, grandchildren, nieces, & nephews, or known kids in your community, ages 8-15, birthday no later than 8/31/2002, for Edison Sailing Center’s 2018 sailing sessions.

- Please visit Edison’s website www.edisonsailingcenter.org for details about the sailing program.
- Marla Parker (mparker579@gmail.com) oversees the grant process within CMCS.
- Stephanie Webb (RPSC1983@aol.com) is the Edison Sailing Center contact.
- There is no personal financial information requested.
- Applicants must know how to swim and have a life vest.

- Applications are co-approved by CMCS and ESC.

Look for further information on our website for the Edison Sailing Center’s 2018 summer calendar schedules.

**Sailing Grant Administrator:**

Marla Parker
1510 Braman Ave
Ft Myers, FL 33901
Cell 239-910-0554
Fax 239-332-7826
mparker579@gmail.com
Thank You to CMCS

Cape Coral Caring Center, Inc.

January 22, 2018

CMCS Sailing Club
5819 Driftwood Pkwy
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Dear Friends,

This letter is to acknowledge your generous donation of 140 pounds of food, on December 20, 2017, to the Cape Coral Caring Center.

You can be assured that your contribution will be used to help those who are in need, right here in our community. The Cape Coral Caring Center strives to give healthy and nutritious food as well as other services to our clients. We give our neighbors in need kind words of encouragement as well as a shopping cart full of food and your generosity makes that possible.

Because of caring people like you, we were able to assist over 12,176 Cape Coral residents, the equivalency of 3,431 families for our fiscal year, and we distributed an astounding 160 TONS of food. Your contributions have made life a little more bearable for all the disadvantaged families we serve.

Thank you again for your donation.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wootton
Operations Manager

NO GOODS OR SERVICES WERE GIVEN.
Please retain this letter for your records if you choose.
A year-end compilation of your donations is available.

Dear CMCS Sailing Club,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn how to sail. I had lots of fun and met many new friends at camp. My favorite part was sailing on the 420 with my friends. I’m looking forward to sailing again soon.

Love,
Sophie Lewis
# 25th Annual Conquistador Cup Regatta

**March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2018**

**Registration Form**

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**Spinnaker**

**Non-spinnaker**

**True Cruising**

**Circle desired Class:**

- Harbor 20
- Spinnaker
- Non-spinnaker
- True Cruising
- Multi-Hull

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

In consideration of your accepting my entry into the Regatta, I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Rules of West Florida PHRF and by the Sailing Instructions for this regatta. My boat will be outfitted, equipped and handled in accordance with those instructions, and she will be properly manned. I waive for myself, my executors and administrators, heir(s) and assigns, any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Royal Order of the Ponce de Leon Conquistadors, Inc., the Punta Gorda Sailing Club, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and sponsors, and any one or more of them arising out of my participation in this event(s) or arising from any related activities. I further understand that misconduct of the crew of my yacht during this Regatta shall be grounds for disqualification of the yacht under my command from the Regatta.

**Owner/Skipper**

**Date**

Regatta Entry Fee – $70.00 ($65.00 with proof of USSA Membership)

(Included: One Saturday dinner ticket and One hat.)

**Note:** Harbor 20’s intending to race Sunday’s Reverse Start Race should enter 249 for non-spinnaker RLC, PHRF (above) if racing spinnaker enter 222 in RLC, PHRF. The Sunday race will not be included in the scoring for the Harbor 20’s overall awards. **Other PHRF participants** that do not have a current certificate, can be given a temporary rating for this weekend.

**Sunday only (Racer Reverse Start)** – $30.00 ($25.00 with proof of USSA Membership)

(Included: one hat)

**ADDITIONAL ORDERS:**

Dinner Party – Saturday March 3rd 2018 Tickets purchased X $20 / person

**Grand Total**

**NOTE:** Check here to request dock space.

**Registration Deadline:** No entries will be accepted after February 19, 2018

Make checks payable to: PGSC

Mail signed entry, check and (if racing) a copy of your current *WFPHRF certificate, *if not currently on file with the PGSC Race Officers, to:

Garrett Geiger
15 Tropicana Drive
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
The Pelican Bay Cruise will be March 9-11, 2018. This is one of CMCS’ favorite anchorages in Southwest Florida and a beautiful venue for spending the weekend (or longer!) out on the hook. Pelican Bay is part of Cayo Costa State Park, which has a ranger station with dinghy dock, beautiful hiking trails, spectacular Gulf beaches, and a tram from the ranger station to the beaches for those not into hiking. Please remember that the Park requests a $2.00 per person per day entrance fee to help defray operations costs. Envelopes and payment box is at the end of the dinghy dock or you can pay at the ranger station, which has some trail maps available. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL ASSET!

Entry into Pelican Bay is not particularly difficult but caution is advised. Don’t cut corners unless you’re familiar with the anchorage! If this is your first time, talk to one of the club’s many “regulars” for advice and assistance. The chart was created a few years ago by Isles Yacht Club. This is a good tool but remember that the sands shift so things may be different today than they were then! There is good holding throughout the anchorage as well as protection from all but strong N and NE winds.

On Friday evening we’ll gather at Dog Beach (the beach on the east side of the anchorage) at around 4:00 PM or so for cocktails. Bring a snack to share. Dinner is on your own.

Saturday can be spent hiking, sitting on the beach, visiting, or just hanging out with a good book. We might gather to dinghy to the “Tunnel of Love” (Cheedix Cut) or tour the various “hidey holes” nearby. Cabbage Key is a short dinghy ride for lunch or dinner. Saturday evening we’ll again gather on Dog Beach for cocktails and snacks around 4:00 PM, or so. Bring your own drinks, some snacks to share and a dish to pass for dinner.

Sunday is time to head home (or not!). Feel free to come early and stay late!

If you plan to go, or want more information, please contact the cruise leaders, Jeff and Bobbie Sue Soshnick at: jeffsoshnick@gmail.com
CMCS SHRIMP FESTIVAL

ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP BOIL
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
6:00 PM
CAPE CORAL YACHT CLUB BALLROOM

COME ON OUT AND JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS FOR AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SUCCULENT BOILED SHRIMP DINNER!! AND IF YOU ARE NOT A FAN OF THE FRESH CRUSTACEANS, LET US KNOW ON THE RESERVATION FORM, AND WE WILL HAVE A CLUCK-CLUCK CHICKEN DINNER WAITING FOR YOU!

WE ARE TALKING FRESH, LOCAL, WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP FROM HERE IN FT. MYERS – SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY!!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, FROM ALL ATTENDEES SO THAT WE HAVE PLENTY OF SHRIMP!

COST:
$17.00 FOR EACH SHRIMP DINNER
$14.00 FOR EACH CHICKEN DINNER

REGISTER AND PAY BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, ONLINE:
http://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/shrimp-boil/
OR
Send your check and the handy form below to Wendy Cook BEFORE Wednesday, March 14
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE, AND AS ALWAYS, BYOB!

SHRIMP Fest RESERVATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 AT 6:00 PM
CAPE CORAL YACHT CLUB BALLROOM

Name(s) of Attendees____________________________________________

# Shrimp Dinners @ $17.00_______  # Chicken Dinners @ $14.00________
$ Total Enclosed____________________

Mail check made out to CMCS and reservation form to:
Wendy Cook, 4934 Skyline Blvd, Cape Coral, FL 33914
CMCS GRILL NIGHT

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 17, 6:30 – 9:00

Remember, Y’all, that the April Membership Meeting is Grill Night out in the Pavilion!!

Your Liberty Ashore Team will provide:
• Hot grills, charcoal, utensils
• Disposable plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery
• Condiments

Members need to bring:
• Protein of your choice
• If your last name begins with A – M:
  a salad/side dish/appetizer
• If your last name begins with N – Z: a dessert

We need some volunteers for Set-up and Grilling, and of course for Clean-up!

Please email Wendy at rcook1955@gmail.com if you can help!
**2004 MacGregor 26M**

FOR SALE

Factory steel trailer (710 lbs) painted in February 2016. Retractable daggerboard keel (12") when up & 5'9" when down) which makes her a pretty good sail. 2003 50 HP 4 stroke Honda engine (model BF50A3LRTA) with power trim for a 22 mph max speed. It can also be used to tow kneeboard, wakeboard or water-ski. Boat designed not to sink even if full of water, and to right itself even if the boat mast is horizontal. Very good condition. Used very little. Engine flushed after use. Carburetors replaced in 2015. New bottom paint in February 2016 and hasn’t been in the water since. Second owner. Length overall: 25' 10" Waterline length 23' 2", Beam width 7' 9" Draft: 1' with center board up, 5'9" with center board down. Mainsail 170 sf. Jib needs replacing ($600 estimate) Fuel tanks: 2 - 12 gallon portable tanks. Water ballasted: 1,150 lbs. Mast height above deck: 30'. Mast height above water: 35'. Cabin headroom: 6'. Berths (sleeps 6): 2 doubles & 2 singles. Sails: Doyle. Winches: Lewmar

Equipment: Bimini with cover, Roller furling jib, Mainsail cover, Mast raising system, Anchor light, Fore-deck light, Anchor, Head with attached portapotti, Dual battery switch, Two batteries, VHF antenna.

$14,995 located at 249 Carolina Ave, Fort Myers Beach, on trailer

Mike Ziegler 610-504-5370

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**FOR SALE**

Bosun’s Chair $80


Call Bill Cook 630-728-1828.

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**FOR SALE**

“TIPSEA” NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS RAYMARINE

C80 Chartplotter & Radar
NAVPOD for C80
ST60 WIND
ST60 DEPTH
ST60 SPEED
NAVPOD for WIND/SPEED/DEPTH
ST6000 Smart Pilot AUTO
ST600 Smart Pilot AUTO Computer Processor
ST60 Repeater TRIDATA Graphic
Owner’s Manual, Installation/Reference Handbooks

Photos available to interested buyers. Pkg. Deal, Make Offer, Otherwise goes on Ebay this fall!

Installed April 2006, functions well, sail Bahamas, Florida Keys, Dry Tortugas past 10 years. System was replaced/upgraded with newer version of Raymarine.

No Cables
No Transducers

“SELLER MOTIVATED”

Contact: Gregory Holmes
Cell 305.586.9296

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1986 Catalina 22….FOR SALE

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