

# The Chowder Chatter

FEBRUARY 2021



## ***February at a Glance***

February 6.....Commodore's Winter Cup Regatta  
February 9.....Board Meeting  
February 12.....Valentines Day Cruise  
February 13 .....Winter Series Race #4  
February 19..... Pelican Bay Cruise  
February 20.....Winter Series Race #5  
February 21.....Membership Meeting (Jaycee Park)  
February 27.....Naples to Fort Myers Offshore Race



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## Commodore's Update



Commodore  
Gary Blessing

Ahoy Mateys (Members)!

The ship is not sinking! We have had safe meetings, a COVID friendly Change of Watch and have great events planned. Our bilge pump is still running regularly until a few more needed positions to run the club are Shanghaied. By the way, I have lots of rum if you would like to come by and talk about Vice Commodore or Vice Commodore Summerset. Especially if you don't know how being Shanghaied works!

We had a Change of Watch with a nice turn out in the park that was spectacular and delicious. A formal event is nice once in a while, but having the event is really what counts. These things don't come together so well without work and planning. So, thanks to Jim & Bev Slager, Bev Duff, Cindy Naumann, Carol Pim and all the others who were there to make it happen. The park is great for social distancing with great weather so far. We are planning to meet at Jaycee Park until at least April.

I am thrilled with the Board, the Directors and committee members enthusiastically volunteering to make our club work for us. We need to support them by helping out and attending events. Our world is slowly opening up to the fun we took for granted with sailing leading the way. Yes motor boat people are sailors. Just ask the US Navy! There are so many opportunities on the calendar to get out on the water.

Cruising has more new exciting cruises. That to me is one of the reasons we have sailboats. Most boaters only dream of the waters, warmth and places for sailing we have here in Southwest Florida. I have always wanted to sail to exotic places. When I lived in Kansas, Key West and the Dry Tortugas were exotic. We have a cruise to Key West and the Dry Tortugas this year! I will be there. How about you?

OK, maybe you would like to perfect your sailing skills. Racing is the way. No one will give you a hard time if you are dead slow but come out for a sail around a course. It is the best way to find out if everything and your crew are working well. And it's a good reason to go sail.

There are even social events planned for later in the year that we missed last year which would be so much better if you joined us. Come to an event, go on a cruise, try a race or just enjoy sailing and the comradery of other sailors.

Speaking of events, with lots of changes going on, please check the website and calendar for updates or changes. A little confusion is so much better than canceling. So a lot of confusion should be even better, right!?

See you there and fair winds,

Gary Blessing, Commodore

## Past Commodore: one more thing...



Past Commodore  
Jim Slager

A quick addition to my 2020 Thank yous... Sometimes there are people that quietly get the job done day in and day out that you just rely on. Tami Hathaway is one of those people and I was quite remiss in not acknowledging her contributions to CMCS as the Fleet Yeoman. She served that post with distinction for the last 3 years. And she was kind enough to stay on in 2020 as a personal favor to me (I must have appeared particularly pitiful at just the right moment). Tami, thanks for all your efforts to streamline the CMCS Board Agenda/Minutes process, all those email announcements, and tireless participation in adhoc committees and CMCS officer recruitment. Enjoy your 2021!

Jim Slager  
CMCS Past Commodore (2020)  
s/v *Salty Soul*



Tami & Bella Joy Hathaway

## Rear Commodore of Cruising



Rear Commodore  
of Cruising  
Diane Fowler

Greetings, fellow cruisers!

We have planned 17 cruises this year, so mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss any games/ contest cruises.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Sweetwater Landing cruise January 15-16, due to cold weather and low tide with north wind. This is a GREAT destination for smaller boats.. let me know when you would like to reschedule. Tim Stier & Cindy Wardell are standing by with "Name That Tune" contest. The manatees are looking for you.

**January 30. Night sail practice.** We'll meet around marker #4 off Fort Myers Beach around 4:30 pm. We'll be on Channel 72 and test our lights/ night vision/ dim instruments/ auto pilot, etc. in anticipation of cruising overnight to Key West in March. Be sure to check your flashlights for fresh batteries and bring harness + tether for your PFD. Almost full moon and spectacular sunset. Overnight at Bunche Beach (anchoring)/ Pink Shell (slip) or head home. Let me know YOUR preference.

Check out article for required lights : <https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/Navigation- Light-Rules>  
<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/learn-about-night-sailing/>

**February 12-14. Valentine's Day Cruise.** Lashley Park, downtown Punta Gorda, will host us for the Newlywed Game and FREE bicycles for the waterfront path. If your mast is <45', go under bridge and grab a mooring ball for just \$13/ night. Or, get a slip. Taller masts anchor on south side of bridge. The park has a 300' FREE dinghy dock, so plenty of room for all. Please email me if you are planning to attend. We could leave a day early and overnight in Pelican Bay if you like. REMEMBER: folks who do not own boats/ cannot make this cruise/ may like to day sail up to Punta Gorda with you (and they might get off there/ stay for the weekend??). It's always good to have an extra hand. Land cruisers always welcome.

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/valentines-day-cruise/>

**February 19-21. Pelican Bay Cruise.** I need a volunteer to be the leader. Bring dinghys for "dog beach" get togethers. Walk on secluded beach/ shell/ veg out in the sun..... Always a popular place.

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/pelican-bay-cruise/>

**March 5-6-7. Where the Wind Blows Cruise.** Again, I need a cruise leader. Check the forecast, Meet at marker 101, and decide to go north or south or UP river! Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/where-the-wind-blows/>

**March 24-31. Epic Cruise.** Cruise overnight to Key West under a full moon and get a slip for March 25-26 in the historic seaport. Windy City has reservation for Key West Bight. FULLY REFUNDABLE if you cancel >7 days out. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!! Photo bomb Treasure Hunt! Solve 10 riddles and take selfies by iconic Key West landmarks! Then, sail west to Marquesas and continue to (optional) Dry Tortugas for 2 more nights. AGAIN: If you need an extra hand - we have members that would LOVE to go with you. They can depart in Key West or continue on with you.

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/key-west-dry-tortugas/>

### Let's have FUN in '21!!

Feel free to contact me with suggestions. We have a request to schedule the DISCO PARTY once again.... not sure which cruise. Standby!

Fair winds,

Captain Diane Fowler

S/V *Windy City*

Rear Commodore of Cruising, CMCS 2021

**See Diane's Crew Etiquette, page 7**

## Rear Commodores of Racing



Rear Commodore  
of Racing  
Scott Milligan



Rear Commodore  
of Racing  
Art Schuller

**Feb. 6.....Commodores Winter Cup Regatta**

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/winter-series-regatta-3/>

**Feb. 13...Winter Series Race #4**

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/winter-series-regatta-4/>

**Feb. 20...Winter Series Race #5**

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/winter-series-regatta-5-2/>

**Feb. 27.....Naples to Ft. Myers Beach Coastal Regatta**

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/naples-to-fmb-regatta/>

### CMCS 2021 Winter Series 1 January 23, 2021 Overall Results

Sailors encountered dense morning fog prior racing Saturday January 23, 2021 in the CMCS Winter Series #1 regatta. Racers drifted to a pursuit style start 11:30 am after a 90-minute delay starting between channel markers 3 and 4. After pointing at channel mark 2 for over an hour, racers rounded the mark and headed downwind to the orange tetrahedron about 1.6 nm toward the beach. The wind started to fill in with puffs to 5 kts from the west. Full Tilt led the fleet with its blue spinnaker and rounded the downwind mark again in the lead to head back on a tight port reach to the finish line. Pepper followed on Full Tilt's heels but couldn't reel them in prior to Full Tilt winning the race.

The second race used the same 5.5 nm course and employed a single conventional start with winds ranging from five to eight knots from the west. After mixing it up with Pepper and Radiant, Full Tilt again led the fleet to the first mark. They then popped their blue chute and led the fleet to the finish, again closely followed by Pepper who, again, could not catch up with them prior to the finish.

Scott Milligan

*S/V Pepper*

CMCS 2021 Winter Series 1 January 23, 2021 Overall Results							
Place	Class	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Total	DNC or DNF scored as 6	
						Race #1	Race #2
6	Cruising	No Name	Cornacchia, Dan	179	12	DNF	DNS
5	Cruising	Sail La Vie	Beauvois, Mark	271	9	5	4
6	Cruising	Last Penny	Jordan, Ken	212	12	DNF	DNS
3	Non Spin	Eroica	Horner, Tom	195	7	4	3
2	Non Spin	Radiant	Schuller, Arthur	184	4	3	2
4	Non Spin	Pepper	Milligan, Scott	122	7	2	5
1	Spin	Full Tilt	Milbrandt, Eric	168	2	1	1

### FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Social: 2:30 PM, Meeting: 3:00 PM

Jaycee Park

<https://www.cmcs-sail.org/event/memb-meeting-02/>

## Membership Report



*Membership  
Chair Person  
Jean Blessing*

Ahoy, Sailors!

In my new role as Fleet Recruiter/Membership, I want to ask you for your help. You should have received in your calendar packet a CMCS brochure and a business card. If you would take those with you, in your car, on your boat, in your brief case or in your purse, to give to anyone you might run into that might be interested in the club. You never know where you'll find someone who is looking for this fun group! You can put your name and phone number on the business card or if you'd rather, you can put my name and number on it: Jean Blessing, 239-321-3480, [jblessing-kan@yahoo.com](mailto:jblessing-kan@yahoo.com). I will have additional brochures and cards at every membership meeting and would be glad to give you a supply.

As we take in new members this year, I will keep you up to date in the Chowder Chatter. Please make them feel welcome. When we get back to having our meetings at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, people are vaccinated and feeling more comfortable socializing, I expect we will pick up more new members. For now, our meetings are being held at Jaycee Park, 4125 SE 20<sup>th</sup> Place, Cape Coral. We'll meet on the following Sunday afternoons at 3 PM: 02/21/21, 03/21/21, and 04/18/21. At that time, we will reassess the virus situation and determine if we can hold meetings at the CCYC with a reasonable expectation of safety. Invite boaters, neighbors, whoever might be interested in attending a membership meeting.

Recently joined are the following:

**Bob and Shan Davis** have lived in Cape Coral for 3 years. They sail a 38' Fountaine Pajot Athena Cat, interested in cruising and social aspects of the club. Welcome aboard!



Bob & Shan Davis



Clayton & Suzanne Michaels

**Clayton and Suzanne Michaels** came to Cape Coral in July of 2019. They are interested in cruising their 38' Island Packet. Expect to greet them at social events. Welcome aboard!

Hope to see you out and about!

Jean Blessing, S/V Jazzy, Fleet Recruiter

## Liberty Ashore



*Liberty Ashore  
Chairperson  
Jo Beauvois*

As you check out your new yearbook, you will see that Liberty Ashore events are scheduled late in this year hoping that by then we can socialize again. The four scheduled events are:

- Grill Night 4/18**
- Chili Cookoff 10/17**
- Shrimp Boil 11/7 &**
- Holiday Party 12/21**

Would you like to Chair a Committee for one of these events? You are welcome to be creative and let your committee make a plan for the event. It is an opportunity to be involved and have your input into these events.

Call me at (239)851-3002. I would love talking to you, just not too early in the morning.

Jo Beauvois, M/V Jack B

### Ladies Bridge Club



Ladies Bridge Club  
Chairperson  
Joan Perkett

On Thursday, January 21, four members of the Ladies Bridge Club embarked on a kayak journey. We met at my place and paddled up the canals to Jewfish Creek where we explored the trails among the mangroves. The water was calm, the birds were squawking, and not another soul besides us was seen. We then paddled over to Cape Harbour, through the Chiquita Lock and around to the marina where we stopped for lunch. After lunch we paddled back with the wind to our backs. We either saw three dolphins or else we saw the same dolphin three times. It was a perfect day for intrepid sailors.

I am working on a few ideas for February, stay tuned. We are still trying to stay remote, socially distanced or Zoom-oriented, so if you have some ideas that fall into one of those categories, let me know.

Stay safe and happy,

Joan Perkett  
Chairperson Ladies Bridge Club  
s/v *Sunday Silence*



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## CMCS DAY SAIL ETIQUETTE GUIDE FOR CREW



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2. ALWAYS be early for boarding. Call if you are delayed. Ask where to park. Help with sail covers and other pre departure chores.
3. Closed toe, deck shoes or tennis shoes with non-marking soles are recommended footwear. No leather soles, flip flops or strapless shoes.
4. Bring a lifejacket if requested by Captain. Know where emergency equipment is kept and proper operation.
5. Don't ask to be back at a specific time. Stuff happens that is beyond Captain's control.
6. LISTEN carefully to Captain's instructions and boat information.  
Acquaint yourself with systems and boat safety gear ASAP.  
No oils, greasy suntan lotion, aerosol sprays. NO SPRAY SUNBLOCK.
7. It is common courtesy for crew to offer to pay for Captain's meal if visiting a restaurant.
8. NO SMOKING or vaping ONLY with Captain approval. NO ILLEGAL DRUGS!
9. Marine toilets are DIFFERENT! Get instructions on how to use the head.
10. Keep garbage to minimum. TAKE THE TRASH when you leave.
11. SEA SICK? If you think you might get sea sick, please take a motion sickness pill BEFORE you leave the dock.
12. Food and Beverages. The Captain will instruct each person what to bring. Bring EXACTLY what they ask for. DO NOT bring 15 items if they asked for 4. Storage space is limited. Ask Captain if SOFT COOLERS are permitted.
13. Offer assistance. Do the dishes/ help with docking/ raising sails, etc.
14. Keep VALUABLES at home! Captain's are not responsible for missing/ lost items.
15. Wear a "croakie" or lanyard on your glasses/ sunglasses. Wear a hat with chin strap or clip.
16. Tell the Captain about any MEDICAL CONDITIONS and medications needed. Give them an emergency phone number.

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Your ad will be listed for 3 months unless you notify me to remove it sooner.

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Send a check made out to CMCS to:

Chowder Chatter Editor, P.O. Box 101268, Cape Coral, FL 33910



### MAINSAIL FOR SALE \$350



This main sail is in average condition. Fits on my Catalina 320. It's 8 years old, with a single reef line.

Was custom made by UK with loose foot. Fully battened - just 1 small tear where sail rubs on backstay.

Only replaced it because I race and wanted something crisp and new! Additional photos on request.



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