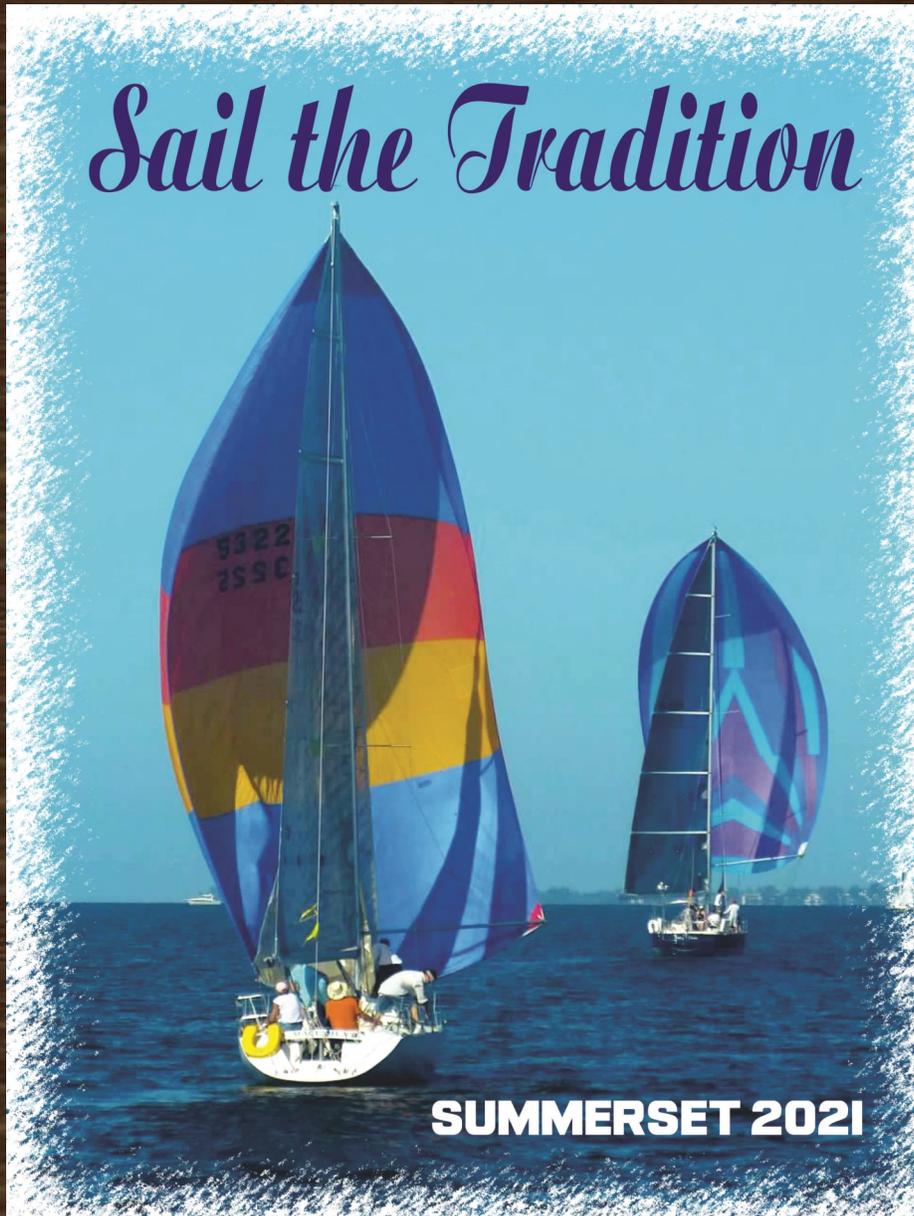


The Chowder Chatter

October 2021



October at a Glance

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SUMMERSET REGATTA

October 6
Ladies Bridge Club

October 12
Board Meeting (zoom)

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Chili Cook-Off

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Membership Meeting, CCYC

October 29-31
Halloween Cruise

It's almost here... Summerset Regatta October 1, 2 & 3

NEWSLETTER OF THE
CALOOSAHATCHEE MARCHING & CHOWDER SOCIETY

Commodore's Update



Commodore
Gary Blessing

Ahoy Mates,

Summer is setting and Summerset is about here. Our big Regatta and Event, the first weekend of October, looks to be finely tuned for racing and enjoyment. It's an incredible tradition and I hope everyone is able to enjoy racing, partying and volunteering. And, Summerset is for a good cause: youth sailing. We had two sailing teams presenting at the September meeting! The Edison Sailing School that we have supported for years and an exciting new organization for the more experienced youth sailors, the FGCU Sailing Club race team. Yay! It is inspiring to hear from the future sailors of the sport we love. There was even an interesting motion passed to allow these youths into our club. More to come on that.

Things are changing at the Cape Coral Yacht Club with sea wall repair and other planned construction in 2022. The Yacht Club ballroom will be closed April 1, 2022, locked up and no meetings there for as much as two years. Fear not me hardies, we have a safe harbor in this new storm. Starting next year, CMCS will be meeting at the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron. Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM just like always, but you will find plenty of parking. It's a nice facility that has been upgraded since we last met there. Some events may be still at the Yacht Club before it is closed.

The best times of the year are starting now with cooler weather and winds that are not part of thunderstorms. Summerset, October Halloween Cruise and races are coming up so enjoy your boat.

See you on the water

Gary Blessing

Your Humble Commodore



Commodores' Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 pm

Cape Coral Yacht Club
5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral

**FREE OF CHARGE
FOR ALL CMCS MEMBERS**

RSVP Required by November 1st



As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, CMCS is planning a Commodores Recognition for all CMCS members and past Commodores. We will be serving lasagne and the fixings in either a meat or vegetarian version. We will provide iced tea, but as always, you are welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. Dinner will be followed by a recognition program, and most likely some good stories and camaraderie. We will be taking safety precautions; masks are optional.

This event takes the place of our monthly membership meeting.

RSVP required by November 1 with number attending and choice of meat or vegi lasagne.

RSVP online at <https://cmcssailingclub.wildapricot.org/event-4505384>

or email Deedee Cheek: deechek@embarqmail.com



Vice Commodore



Vice Commodore
Bobby Lee

It's that time of year when we start preparing to turn over leadership of CMCS to a new team. The process also includes seeking nominations from the general membership. If you have been thinking about getting involved or you know someone who would be a great addition to the leadership team now is the time to act.

A nomination form is published below. Any member of CMCS in good standing is eligible to serve as long as there is no conflict of interest. If you are nominating someone we do ask that you also have that person sign and date the form. We want to make sure that people do want to serve.

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Vice Commodore-Summerset
- Rear Commodore-Cruising
- Rear Commodore-Racing
- Fleet Yeoman
- Fleet Purser
- 4—two-year Directors

Nominations should be submitted no later than November 1. The Club Development Committee has been working to develop a new team throughout the year. The CDC will present its slate of officers and directors at the November meeting of the Board of Directors. At the December meeting if there are individuals nominated in addition to the CDC recommended candidates, voting will be done by paper ballot. If there are no contested positions, voting will be done by majority vote with a show of hands. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the December meeting before the vote takes place.

Each membership has one vote. A Credentials Committee consisting of two CMCS members will be appointed to conduct the election.

CMCS NOMINATION FORM FOR FLAG OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

I nominate _____ for the position
of _____ for the year 2021.

Nominated by:
(Print name) _____ (Signed) _____

Candidate's name and signature: _____

Mail to:
Vice Commodore Bobby Lee
11201 Lazy Acres Ln
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Email to: bobleesailor@earthlink.net

Forms **MUST** be received by the Vice Commodore no later than November 1, 2021

Summerset Update

NOW IS THE TIME...

Plan on October 1-3, 2021 to participate in Summerset Regatta events.



Vice Commodore
of Summerset
Bev Duff

Be you racer or cruiser with CMCS we want you to be part of this years largest sailing event. All the net proceeds from the Regatta go to the youth sailing programs in SW Florida. These youngsters are our future and we need to support them in every way possible.

Look forward to meeting and greeting everyone beginning at the Skippers gathering on Friday evening at Bonita Bills. Wings and beer a plenty.



Saturday is the racing on the water followed by the "Supper" at Original Shrimp Dock at Salty Sams. Only \$20 a plate for all to enjoy sumptuous barbecue.

Sunday back on the water for distance race. Then we'll gather to celebrate the participants and cheer the winners of this years Summerset 56 Regatta.

Join us for Chowder Fest meal at only \$10 each.

The weather promises to be true October with cooler temps and hopefully plenty of wind for our sailors.

Bev Duff
Vice Commodore Summerset
239-278-3733 (office)
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Email: ArgusGdn@comcast.net

Have you registered to race yet?

Email Scott Milligan with questions about racing
sbmill384@gmail.com

Would you like to purchase dinner tickets or a t-shirt?

Sizes are going fast. Email Cindy Naumann concerning shirts and meals
David.naumann@rocketmail.com

FLASH BACK

CHILI COOK-OFF 2010



Remember this little pinata riding chili cooker?

Rear Commodore of Cruising



Rear Commodore
of Cruising
Diane Fowler

Ahoy, Cruisers,

On completion of South Seas/ Kayusa Cup race, Tami Hawthorne reports:

Waters were smooth as glass, perfect conditions for motor boating to South Seas. Sol Adventure arrived early Friday afternoon; we spent the afternoon at the pool. Sol Adventure was the only boat from CMCS, Fred and Tami had Happy hour on their boat. Saturday enjoyed the resort offerings. While enjoying the pool, we cheered the 5 racers as they went by. Only 4 racers spent Saturday night at South Seas.

Thanks to Tami & Fred

We have fabulous weather ahead. Get your boat and crew ready for adventure and fun.

Next up: October 29-31.

Halloween at South Seas. They have a big party there and give awards to "best decorated" boats. Kids come trick or treating, so bring some candy to share.

Carol & Mark Beauvois are the leaders. Hopefully, Mark will bring his guitar for a sing-a-long.

Contact them at: markb@liteworkslighting.com

He needs boat name- length, beam and draft.
Please DO NOT call South Seas directly!!!

Bring back an old tradition!

November 22-27.

Thanksgiving in Everglades City at historic Rod and Gun Club! Details on website.

Invite other club members (Gulf coast sailing Club or SAMI members). Bring your boats! (Tides look favorable) or drive down Thanksgiving day for games, prizes, laughs and incredible turkey dinner at 6 pm in the screened porch. \$25.

Remember: cash or check only.

Email me: Dianeflr@aol.com with boat name and length.

Oh! New rule: All motorized boats traveling IN the Everglades- must obtain a certificate saying you took the educational class. (link on website).

Reserved 10 spots- so don't delay!

If you need crew or have any questions or concerns- please contact me.

Lets do this thing called LIFE!

Stay healthy and see you soon,

Captain Diane
239-850-4935

Ladies Bridge Club



*Ladies Bridge Club
Chairperson
Joan Perkett*

Ladies Bridge Club Update

Well the summer is over and I am back home (for now) so time to get together with the ladies of the fleet to catch up and have fun.

The club calendar shows Ladies Bridge Club getting together on Wednesday, October 6th, so that's what it will be.

The event will feature... hunting for shark teeth. We will meet up at Caspersen Beach in Venice at 10:30 for a few hours of beach combing. There will be prizes for a) the most shark teeth found b) the largest shark tooth found and c) the tiniest shark tooth found.

Bring your beach umbrella, sun screen or sun shirt, water, and a baggy for collecting your treasures.

We will then meet at Sharky's on the Pier for lunch and awards.

RVSP to me at 239-233-0448 or donandjoan@mindspring.com by Tuesday October 5th and I will try to coordinate car pools. It takes over an hour to drive to Caspersen Beach, so we will leave here around 9:00 AM.

We will not be able to meet on November 3rd as planned on the club calendar, as I will be down in the Keys then so stay tuned for November plans. Make sure I have your current email address for updates.

Joan Perkett
Chairperson Ladies Bridge Club
s/v Sunday Silence



Membership Report



*Membership
Chair Person
Jean Blessing*

Ahoy, Sailors!

We had another successful in person meeting at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on September 21st. Four guests attended the meeting and were introduced. In addition, 3 members of the FGCU Sailing Club spoke about their organization and 2 members of Edison Sailing School spoke about being introduced to sailing because of the scholarship program we help fund. So we had an additional 5 young sailors as guests.

I hope you are on the lookout for sailors who may be interested in joining CMCS. You can use the club brochure and a business card to invite guests to attend our next meeting on October 18th. Be sure to 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, jblessingkan@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. Be sure to invite boaters, neighbors, whoever might be interested in attending a membership meeting.

There are no new memberships to report for the month of September 2021.

The time is fast approaching to renew your CMCS membership for 2022. More details will follow soon. You are encouraged to renew online. Watch your e-mail for renewal notices.

Hope to see you out and about!

Jean Blessing, S/V Jazzy, Fleet Recruiter

Liberty Ashore



*Liberty Ashore
Chairperson
Jo Beauvois
M/V Jack B*

We're looking for Chili Cookers for the
October 17 Chili Cook-Off
Email Cindy Naumann if you'd like to
participate in this bit of CMCS history.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 17, Chili Cook-off

NOVEMBER 7, Shrimp Boil

NOVEMBER 16, Commodores Dinner (50th)

DECEMBER 21, Holiday Party:

Need a volunteer to be the committee chair

FROM THE DECK OF THE WEBSITE GURU



Jon Hart
Website Guru
S/V Betty Ann

A New CMCS Online Goes Live!

Hi Sailors,

CMCS cybersailing moved to a new system on September 16, 2021 that provide some much-needed help in streamlining lots of club activities. You may already be receiving emails from the new web site regarding upcoming events.

Examples of things that will make our life easier are:

- On-line Registration and payment for all events
- Email reminders for events
- On-line new member registration and dues payments
- On-line annual membership renewals and dues payments
- Mobile device app for easy access to Membership and Events

It is important to re-state that, while the new web site is hosted by another company (Wild Apricot), your data is protected and secure. Wild Apricot will not market to you or share your data with anyone. CMCS owns the data, not Wild Apricot. More information can be found at <https://www.wildapricot.com/data-protection>

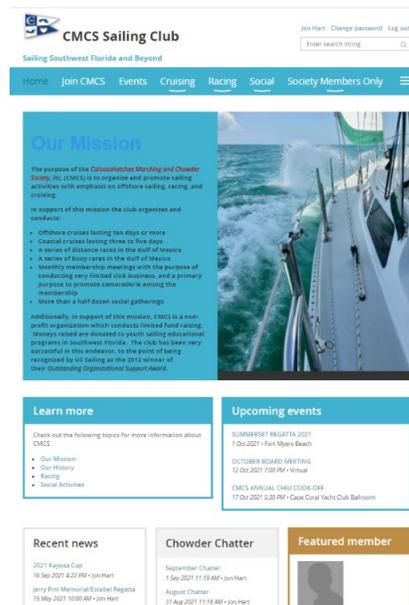
If you have not set your password on cmcs-sail.org, please do so as soon as possible. This will be your key to many important upcoming club activities. Please remember to practice good password hygiene and don't use a password that is easy to guess and never reuse passwords!

We will also be periodically sending on-line polls to members through the web site. Your participation and responses to these polls are important to the decisions made by the CMCS leadership team. *We promise to not send too many of them and to keep them short.*

Our goal is to keep information on [CMCS-SAIL.org](https://cmcs-sail.org) current and consistent with The Chowder Chatter. If there is information you would like to see online, please send an email to comms@cmcs-sail.com

Local Knowledge: Download and install the Wild Apricot for Members app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. More information about this will be featured in next month's Chowder Chatter.

Glen Vetter and Jon Hart



COMING THIS MONTH

Alan & Karyn Katz

talk about their 7 1/2 month sailing adventure to St. Lucia at the

October Membership Meeting
Cape Coral Yacht Club





2021 CMCS CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Cape Coral Yacht Club



Social 5:30-6pm, cook-off to follow

Looking for a dozen fun-loving chili cookers!

This year the theme is...

TROPICAL

tropical ingredients, tropical clothing, or tropical decorations

PRIZES will be awarded as follows:

BEST TASTING, MOST ORIGINAL, BEST DISPLAY, HOTTEST

COMPETITORS, please cook up a crockpot of your award winning chili (or try a new recipe) and bring a ladle to serve it. If you're solo, we'll get someone to step in for you for a while so you can take part in the festivities, too. Each cooking space will have a white table cloth but you are responsible for your own table decorations if you desire. Extension cords will be available.

TASTERS, please bring a side dish and this year we ask that to err on the side of caution, you try to package it in individual servings ie: corn muffins, cookies, etc in baggies, we'll have bowls and press & seal wrap available for you to individualize salads.

If you'd like, give a nod to this stylin' look and dress with **TROPICAL** flair!



Liberty Ashore host for this event, Cindy Naumann

Contact Cindy at david.naumann@rocketmail.com

if you would like to make CHILI.



CMCS Notice of Race

2021 Festival of the Islands

November 13, 2021 at 10:00 am

The Race:

- Saturday November 13 with first race starting at 10:00 am.
- A buoy race event held in the proximity of Fort Myers Beach. The intention is to run three to four races with the last race starting prior to 2:30 pm

The Party

- After race beer party at the Old Shrimp Dock, Salty Sam's Marina following the last race.

Special Notice:

- This is the third race of the season for the BOTY competitors

1. Rules

The series races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of West Florida PHRF and by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility

Open to all sailors who are current members of the CMCS Sailing Club and, for an additional charge, to non-member sailors from any area club with a mono-hull or multi-hull sailboat that conforms to class rules and holds a valid West Florida PHRF certificate. NOTE: A participant may request a temporary, one race only, rating from the Fleet Captain – Racing. However, the participant must apply for a valid WFPHRF Certificate to replace the temporary certificate and supply a copy of the application to the Fleet Captain-Racing prior to racing a second time. The owner of each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

3. Entry and Fees

3.1 The entry fee for the race is \$35 [Click here to register for Festival of Islands Regatta](#)

4. Divisions

4.1 Divisions will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, and PHRF Cruising. The race committee may divide or combine divisions based on the number of entries.

5. Starting and Racing Area

5.1 In the proximity of Fort Myers Beach in San Carlos Bay

5.2 Courses may be comprised of windward/leeward or triangular and may vary by fleets.

5.3 Inflatable marks and fixed government marks may be used.

5.4 Courses and fixed marks will be shown in the sailing instructions.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 Registration for the regatta, and all regatta related information is available using yachtscoring.com. Please register at the following link. This is a BOTY event but you must still register for the event. This is how the program knows to include you on the scratch sheet.

All documentation including the NOR, sailing instructions, Scratch sheet, and Results will be available online using the [yschtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com) program:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14766>.

Our use of yachtscoring.com is a rather new process for all of us. I suggest emailing me your name, boat and phone number as a backup to registration to make sure you were successful in your registration process.

7. Scoring

7.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used. Each boat's score will be the sum of the scores for all races, with exclusions as defined in the Sailing Instructions; this amends RRS A2.

8. Radio Communication

8.1 All boats must be equipped with a working VHF radio, either fixed or handheld capable of receiving and sending on VHF channels 16 and 72. The Race committee will monitor and broadcast information on channel 72.

For further information contact: Scott Milligan 863-228-1159 or sbmill384@gmail.com or Art Schuller 239-841-1060 aschuller@benchmark-gc.com

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