

THE CHOWDER CHATTER

Monthly Newsletter of
the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society

Next Full Moon: April 24th

April 2005

LET'S ALL MARCH INTO APRIL!

Another great month has passed in the annals of the **Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society**. Our great Fleet Officers and our Committee Chairpersons have been working overtime to make us the best sailing club in Southwest Florida. Believe it or not our **Vice Commodore Elise Missall** has already chaired three meetings of the **Summerset Committee**, with the Regatta scheduled for September. **Elise** can always use more help. If you are available please give her a call.

Our **Rear Commodore of Racing Diane Fowler** has completed five Club races along with two additional races for BOTY. What next? **The Gulf Coast Sailing Club Southwest Florida Regatta** in Naples scheduled for April 1,2 and 3. A big "thank you" to **Bobby Lee** for being the PRO in the **Shrimp Festival race**. We are hopeful that one of our skippers or one of our crew will take one day off from racing if we need a PRO in the future. **Diane** has also scheduled a racing "tips" class one hour before all skipper and crew meetings. We always have twenty sailors sitting on the edge of their seats receiving and offering great ideas from our successful skippers on how to move the fleet safer and faster.

We have completed three great cruises so far, and not to be left behind by the racers, are now gearing up for club support and party time, in Naples, for the **Southwest Florida Regatta**. We just returned from a four-day cruise to **Pelican Bay** with **Phil and Gayle Cox** leading the way. New members **Michael and Nancy** on **Old Friends** really inspired us to greatness. Who will be next in this endeavor? How about **Dick and Mary Lou Mullins**? Thanks to all for a really fun weekend. By the way, as this issue goes to print, **Mel Rudd** is leading the fleet south to the **Florida Keys**. This is our first ever "laid-back



COMMODORE
**Russell
Vance**

239-574-4704

cruise" that far south, with no overnight sailing. We are all looking forward to hearing some real sailing adventure stories when they return. This will determine if **Fidelis** will be surrendering the **Entertainment Flag**.

This year's **Shrimp Festival Social** was one of the best the club has ever experienced. **Monica Smith** has taken over as chairperson of **Liberty Ashore** and brought great life to the program. Kudos to her and her committee for a great event. Now the question is . . . "What have you offered in support of **Liberty Ashore** so far this year?" If the answer is "nothing", then you need to get involved. Contact **Monica** and ask her if you can help with an upcoming social event. Look at the calendar, pick out a social that works with your schedule, and let her know that you are available to help.

A big thanks to **Mary Lou Mullins** for organizing the trip to the **Planetarium at the Caloosa Nature Center**. Over 25 people attended, (Ladies of the Bridge and their guests) and had a great time. Keep checking the website and watch your e-mail for future **Ladies Bridge Club** events.

Let's have a great **CMCS 2005**. Your support is essential for our success. 

Thanks to all, Russell

YOUR 2005 CMCS CLUB CALENDARS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

Your calendar packet will be available for **pick-up only** at the CMCS Clubhouse anytime it is open for club functions. 'Out-of-towners' packets will be mailed directly to you.



VICE
COMMODORE



Elise Missall ~ 239-489-0422

It Can't Be Almost Here!!!!

Can you believe that the infamous 2005 **Summerset Regatta** is only 153 days away (give or take a day or two from April 1st on)??

The sponsors are signing up....there are only a select few being allowed to show their support and advertise their business to the sailors of Southwest Florida. So, beat the last-minute rush and sign those folks up now!!

Your Summerset Committee is really pulling it together and if you desire to assist anyone of them, just speak right up or jump right in. Those friendly folks are: **Russell and Kathleen Vance, Diane Fowler, Nancy Donaldson, Steve Robin, Steve Romaine, Cindy Carlino, Tom Buckard, Dee Vaigl, Marla Parker, Judi Bodine, Marylou Mullins, Monica Smith, Bob Gerry, Ray Gherardini, Pauline Wylie, Doreen Milbrandt, Forrest Banks** and there is room for you!! This is a team effort to pull off the best SW Florida Regatta in history and that history is 40 years old!

There will be Sponsor letters and participation forms at the April 12th CMCS meeting. Be sure to pick up a couple in order to get those \$100 sponsors signed up. For \$100 they will receive their business name on the Summerset t-shirt, tons of publicity and their banner displayed during the Regatta in Naples.

Cruisers, don't let the term "regatta" fool you....this is a weekend for cruisers also with a Cruising class. And I have heard that there are big plans for cruisers that weekend....who know, perhaps "cruisers do really have more fun".

Sail The Tradition
Elise



LADIES
BRIDGE CLUB



Mary Lou Mullins ~ 239-541-2479

Provisioning Your Boat...

The **Ladies Bridge Club** will meet on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. **Susan Reekie** will be our hostess and **Danny Hazen** will present *Provisioning Your Boat*.

There is no question that FOOD is an important element in a sailor's life. (Right up there with WIND.) **Danny Hazen** will again present her invaluable advice on planning, shopping, organizing and cooking great food while afloat. We will have copies available of **Danny's** provisioning and shopping lists as well as inventory sheets for your future use.

If you'd like to demonstrate or share your favorite boat recipes, call or email me so we can get an idea of what will be presented and what the menu will be that night.

Susan Reekie will be our hostess. Directions to Susan's home at 5324 Colony Court, Cape Coral: From (east) Ft. Myers, take Cape Coral Bridge, turn left onto Del Prado Blvd. to El Dorado Pkwy., turn left on Colony Court. From (west) Cape Coral Parkway, turn right onto Coronado Pkwy., turn right onto El Dorado Pkwy, left on Colony Court.

For those of you new to **CMCS**, the *Ladies Bridge Club* will NOT be playing cards! Our goal is to meet and share knowledge and learn to be more self-sufficient in sailing. Please join us and lend your knowledge and skills for all the ladies on the water.

Mary Lou

ATTENTION MAY CRUISE CAPTAINS

The following captains and their "crew" are the May Cruise Captains. I will need your article and (please) a photo of yourself (selves) e-mailed to me no later than Saturday, April 23rd at Noon:

Tampa Bay Cruise:

Ray Gheradini and Mel Rudd

Danger Island Cruise:

Bob Macomber (rec'd just prior to presstime)

Send me any pertinent info for the fleet and don't forget your "follow-up" story when you return.

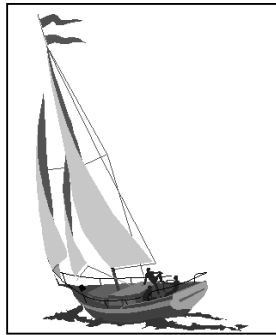
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**CRUISE TO
NAPLES
CAPTAINS**

Ben & Carolyn Preston ~ 239-992-2121

**GULF COAST CHARITY
REGATTA – CRUISE TO NAPLES
APRIL 1, 2, & 3, 2005**



Ben and Carolyn Preston are coordinating this year's cruise to Naples, to attend the festivities at the Gulf Coast Charity Regatta. This cruise is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd, although some boats may elect to cruise down on Friday, April 1st. **Carolyn** has contacted the Naples City Dock. They do have slips available, however they require that **individual captains make their own reservations**. If you are planning to go, please contact the Naples City Dock as soon as possible, at 239-213-3070 to **make your own reservation**.

Ben & Carolyn are off to the Keys at this writing, but sent this message along to you—**see everyone who has signed up for this cruise in Naples on the 1st of April!** ▶

Ben & Carolyn Preston



**CRUISE TO
SANIBEL BIGHT
CAPTAINS**

Committee Being Assembled

**CRUISE TO SANIBEL BIGHT/
YORK ISLAND / ST. JAMES CITY
APRIL 16-17, 2005**



Tom & Linda Koenig must bow out as the captains of this cruise April 16-17 as their **first grandchild** is being baptized that weekend up North—**congrats!** Plans they made for the cruise will be followed as they prepared an exciting weekend for all who attend. **CMCS** will assemble a cruise committee to host this 2nd cruise of the month. We will meet at **Sanibel Bight** just past marker 13A on Saturday, the 16th.

If there's a strong wind blowing in, we will move over to **York Island**. Activities on Saturday, the 16th will include a dinghy cruise through **Ding Darling Wildlife Preserve** (a must-see experience), a **Wazoo cup race**, and a **cocktail party**.

On Sunday, the 17th, we will move over to **York Island** and do a dinghy cruise for lunch in **St. James City**. We will use channel 72 for information. ▶

See you on the water



**CRUISE TO
SANTWEENIE
CAPTAINS**

**Steve Romaine & Cindy Carlino
239-541-1499**

**SANTWEENIE CRUISE
APRIL 23-24, 2005**

To date, there are 10 boats signed up for the Cruise/Race event the last of April. Let **Cindy**



know **by Sunday, April 10th** if you are planning to cruise up. **Dockage \$1.75 - \$.60 savings**. We'll be cruising up on Saturday, the 23rd and a race back on Sunday, the 24th.

There will be *kite flying contests, other games, and the famous "SANTWEENIE COCKTAIL"* at sunset. Prizes will be awarded accordingly. Bring a dish to pass and share for the beach sunset and Santweenie cocktail party. Dinner will be at the Crow's Nest with an open menu. There will be music—remember its a full moon and there's nothing like dancing under the stars. For those of you who attended last month's **Bridge Club** at the **Nature Center**...bring your star chart!

Again, please get your dock reservations in by April 10th.

We need **volunteers** to help with games. ▶

Steve and Cindy



LIBERTY
ASHORE



Monica Smith ~ 239-699-5390

CAN WE SAY FUN-FUN-FUN!!!!


THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for a wonderful turn out at the **Shrimp Fest** on Saturday, March 12. 100 club members and friends turned out to eat all they could and eat!! **Capt. Cecil Hazen** won the 50/50 (a whopping \$80) and a free "frolic" with "Ms Duck, in the tub". Thanks to everyone for participating to the raffle. **Rose Ann Hoffman**

and **Nancy Donaldson** tied winning a free pass to the **Blood Mary Brunch** May 8th from the scavenger hunt.

I want to give a special THANK YOU to the Shrimp Crew that helped. **Dick and Mary Mullins, Nancy Donaldson, Steve Robins, Harold and Val Fahs, Dee Vaigl, Shirley Maddix, Danny Hazen, Tom Gore and John and Suzan Reekie.** With out the crew, this event would not have gone as smoothly nor been as successful as it was. **Great Job Shrimp Crew!**

OPEN GRILL NITE
APRIL 12TH – 6:00 pm

Everyone brings a side dish to share and your own main course to grill. Three grills are available for everyone to share. Bring your choice of hamburger, steak, chicken, pork chops or don't want to cook out, just bring a prepared dish for yourself and just join in for the camaraderie. 

Monica



BLOODY MARY
BRUNCH
HOST & CHEF

Al Eastman ~ 239-540-1944



BLOODY MARY & COFFEE BRUNCH
MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 8TH 10:00 AM

OK SAILORS, BLOODY MARY DRINKS &
COFFEE DRINKS ARE ON CMCS!!
(at least the first 2 drinks)


Did that get you attention?? Additional drinks can

be purchased for \$.50. There will be an amazing array of yummys for your gustatory pleasure, and you will think you are at the Hyatt in Bonita Springs! Fresh fruits, juices, sweet rolls, muffins, breads, home made surprises, eggs Parisienne (cheese, eggs, chives, sour cream), bacon, sausage; the works.

Door Prizes for Mom's! Remember, if you come without a reservation expect to pay **double...double...double...\$12.00.**

BE THERE OR BE HUNGRY

Complete the coupon found on page 11 and send in **NO LATER THAN MAY 4 PLEASE,** along with a check for \$6.00 per person.

I would be pleased to have 5/6 helpers for this event. 

Host and Eggs Chef
Al

HELP WANTED

Available for this one-time event and maybe more throughout the year the 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. shift on Mother's Day.

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REAR
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RACING



Diane Fowler ~ 239-540-0016

**Edison Gulf Regatta
February 26th**

Oh what a chilly Feb. 26th morn! We had on our "woolie" for the 52 (degree mark) temps with 25 boats participating. Special THANK YOU to **Brad Collins** for the Rookie Skipper lesson at 6:30 Feb. 24. Then, THANKS to **Forrest Banks** for sharing info about the **Regatta Sol Del Sol (St. Pete to Mexico)** at the 7:30 Skipper's meeting on the 24th. The day of the race, we had **Jeff Butzer** (PRO) aboard **Billy and Haroldine Scarpitta's** trawler, **Dale Jepsen and Mary Naylor** were the mark boat, and **Eric Sorensen** was aboard **Frank Kminek's** Grady White (unnamed so far) to do CHASE boat activities. THANKS to all our support staff! We couldn't have a race without you!!

A protest was filed against **Bentley** by **Seapuppy** (and **Seapuppy** against **Bentley**). **Jeff Butzer** met with the skippers & their crew for testimony. He ruled that **Bentley** did break a rule.

Afterwards, "bragging & tall tales" were heard at **Bonita Bill's on Ft. Myers Beach** where race participants ate chicken wings and drank beer. A GREAT time had by all!

Unique curved etched glass trophies were awarded to all winners.

Results for Class 1 - Spinnaker Fleet:

- Gone Mad1st
- Judy2nd
- Neptune3rd
- Midnite Rider.....4th
- Children at Play5th
- Fortune6th
- Celebration7th
- Reckless8th
- Triumph9th

Results for Class 2 Non-Spinnaker Fleet:

- Desperado1st
- Air Supply.....2nd
- Sanderling.....3rd
- Knot Worried4th
- Hyde a Way5th

Results for Class 3 True Cruising Fleet:

- Laura Li1st
- Ariel.....2nd
- Endeavour3rd
- Windy City4th
- Island Time5th
- Sea Puppy6th
- Bentley.....7th
- Deborah8th
- Silver Lining9th
- Leviathan.....10th

**Shrimp Festival Races
March 12th**

Want a job where you're correct 10% of the time? **BE A WEATHERMAN!!** At the skipper's meeting, March 10, we had the **Steve Romaine** give a lesson on "light air racing". We all laughed, since winds of 25-30 knots was predicted for Sat. The 7:30 skipper's meeting had everyone munching on peanuts and pretzels (do I take care of my racers, or what?). Saturday, March 12, I awoke at 5:30 am – restless night trying to decide when to CALL OFF the race due to high winds. Well, at 5:30, I tell you, not a RIPPLE on our canal!! Winds started off at 10 am about 3-4 knots !! The weatherman strikes out again!! 11 boats participated & learned a lot about CHANGING winds (direction as well as speed). THANKS AGAIN to our "sub" PRO, **Bob Lee**, who hi-jacked his friends fabulous motor yacht & came down to help us. **Frank Kminek**, AGAIN, was our chase boat & reset the marks inbetween races, as the wind kept changing. **Dick Youngblood** DONATED an anchor, chain & rode for our new orange starting ball. Also, THANKS to **Paul Perisho**, who has stepped up to the plate & is in charge of computer spreadsheets & scoring. Also, thanks to my husband, **Ray Gherardini**, for emailing all the newspapers our race results. Special fun!

After the race, we met at the clubhouse for the scrumptious shrimp dinner! Racers & committee boat folks got a FREE DRINK PLUS special nametags designating them as "SPECIAL" people! They are in MY book! CMCS acrylic wine glass trophies will be awarded at the April meeting.

Class 1 - Spinnaker Fleet:

- Judy.....1
- Midnite Rider2

Class 2 - Non-Spinnaker Fleet:

- Air Supply.....1
- Bam3
- Sand Dollar.....2

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MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Donaldson

239-540-4730



7 New Members!

Don't forget to add the following information about these new members to your new 2005 calendar. In fact, if you haven't already picked yours up and live in the area, your packet will be available at the clubhouse for you to pick-up anytime at all club functions.

Will and Susan Burton.

New FL residents, interested in cruising and social function, the **Burton's** reside at 455 Cove Towers Dr., #902, Naples, FL 34110. 239-514-1811. Used to sailing the San Fran Bay area with high winds and seas, the **Burton's** sail with cats **Chloe & Tizzie** aboard their 37' Medmarine/Montecarlo named **Far Niente**.

Diana B. Smith.


15990 Bayside Point West, #104, Ft. Myers, FL 33908. 239-481-4707. A former Great Lakes sailor who's raced and cruise for over 20 years, **Diana** is a new SWFL resident interested in all **CMCS** activities!

Jim and Kathy Wells.

2835 Winkler Ave., #204, Ft. Myers, FL 33944. 239-728-3515. They cruise aboard **Shannon**, a 32' Morgan and are interested in cruising and social functions with CMCS.

Jack and Carol White.


11570 Caravel Cir., #306, Ft. Myers, FL 33908. 239-454-3769. Proud owner's of "**Harley**", their sailing dog and a 38' Irwin, named **Nic's Legacy**. Part-time residents since 1977, they also reside in Kingman, IN 47952, at 951 East St. Rd. 32. 765-376-3974. The **White's** interests are cruising, racing, social activities, and crewing.

Welcome aboard! Hope to see you on the water and at social activities throughout the year. If you like to cruise, race or crew, or if you'd like to volunteer to help on a committee, just call me and I'll help you get involved. 

Nancy



"LOOKING FOR CREW - OR FOR A BOAT?"

As a 3-year "crew only" member of **CMCS**, I can tell you all that this is a great club, and the racing is terrific. If you haven't had a chance to get out for one of our weekends, I'd like to strongly encourage you to join the next one. Need crew to help you out, or want to race but don't have the boat? Give me a call and I'll try to put you together with someone who needs you. *And don't forget: the skippers' meeting for each race is the Thursday prior.* If you're available to crew, certainly come to the meeting and talk to the skippers. You don't need lots of experience (sometimes you don't need ANY!), and it's a great way to learn more about sailing. To reach me, call **671-0882** or e-mail me at traysailor@yahoo.com 

Get out on the water!
Terrie Ray
CMCS "Sailmate"


2nd ANNUAL CHARLOTTE HARBOR BOAT OF THE YEAR



LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA April 8, 9, & 10, 2005

*Sponsored by the Punta Gorda Sailing Club
and the Isles Yacht Club*

Regatta Schedule: Skipper's Meeting 6 PM Friday, April 8 – **Isles Yacht Club**. Races: 11 AM Saturday, April 9, and 11 AM Sunday, April 10, on **Charlotte Harbor**.

Visit the **PGSC** web site www.pgscweb.com for complete information, registration or to download application form. For further information contact **Jerry Haller** (941)505-0499 or **Dick Potter** (941)575-8667. 

Crew Needed?

"Damiana" a 42-foot Shuttleworth Trimaran is looking for a few good crew members to participate locally and in long distance cruising and racing. Call **Erik Soronen** at 239-283-5869.

Greetings From Ned Christensen in the Virgin Islands...

Last week the race crew loaded on their flight back to Salt Lake City. Three days later I went to the airport expecting to meet Janette and our daughter, Sheri. Surprise, surprise, Janette showed up by her self. Seems Sheri was experiencing pain and nausea from a gallbladder problem. She was scheduled for surgery on wednesday, today! I know she was really looking forward to being here in the warm, sunny and comfortable Caribbean. Sorry she didn't make it, I was really looking forward to seeing her.

So, Janette and I have been touring the island, visiting all the beaches that we could find, and eating all the wonderful foods that we can find! Actually, we can't possibly eat ALL the great food, but we have given it a try. We both think that Orient Beach is, without a doubt, the prettiest beach on the island! Lots of people, in various stages of dress, but a very big beach to absorb the hordes of people. Watching the wind surfers, both beginners and experienced, was really fun. Don't miss going to this beach when you come to St. Maarten.

Tomorrow morning, at "oh dark thirty," we will lift the anchor, set the sails and leave for St. Thomas. Winds are forecast to be light from the east, so we will arrive near dark. If we are a little late, we will stop on the south shore of St. John at Rendezvous bay, and then proceed on to St. Thomas the next day.

It was mostly light and variable wind conditions for this years regatta. Instead of the normal trade winds in the 15 to 20 knot category, we had winds in the 5 to 10 knot range. Of the ten boats in our Multihull Racing category, we ended up somewhere in the middle. 6th overall out of ten boats. Two of our competitors were racing trimarans in the 60 foot range. We could hold our own, (for a while) with the smaller of those two Tri's, but could only correct out over one of them. We had some good, exciting starts, and ended up racing mostly against an Atlantic 55, Rocketeer. Ended up beating that boat


three out of four races. In the second race on Saturday, we had a DNF because of the light winds. But we had good company because 8 out of the 10 racers in our class had DNF's. The winds just died, and the time ran out.

The parties were a different story! Great locations, wonderful entertainment and quite good food. Not to mention the Heineken beer that was everywhere. A great way to spend an evening after a hot day out on the water.

Today is the day that the rest of the crew departs for "the frozen north!". All of them were worried about wearing long pants for the return to Salt Lake City, and the cold temperatures expected there. Temperatures here are in the mid 80's during the day, so the change in temperatures will be dramatic for them.

I've said it before, that I would rather be lucky than good! It seems that the day last week that I chose to sail over to St. Maarten was one of the best in the preceding weeks, and since! I lucked out into a great, sunny, perfect breeze day. Traveled the 98 miles in 13 hours, and had an average speed of 7.5 knots for the entire time. Great time, and a pleasant sailing day. Since my arrival, the winds have been in the 20 to 30 knot range, with associated rain squalls and gusts. But, still warm and comfortable.

Saturday, I dinged over to the St. Maarten Yacht Club dock and worked with some other volunteers on the construction of their new dingy dock and ramp up to the parking lot. Lots of fun, met some interesting people, and enjoyed the day pounding nails into wood. We'll do some more on the project this coming Saturday.


Just a couple more weeks until the Heineken Regatta. I have the information on the race courses, GPS waypoints and party locations. So far, 13 multihulls are entered in the regatta. A total of 234 boats were registered as of last Saturday. We are going to have lots of fun! 

Ned Christensen, Passion III



IMPORTANT CHOWDER CHATTER DELIVERY NOTICE

For those 25 members who have not responded to requests of how you want your Chowder Chatter delivered and are currently receiving your newsletter via mail, this will be your last mailed newsletter (those of you who do not have e-mail capabilities, or have already notified me of preferring the U.S. Mail method of delivery are exempt). It doesn't matter which method you prefer—I just need a response one way or the other. Certainly, e-mail saves a tremendous amount of money in postage and printing and you receive the info at least 2-3 days earlier. But CMCS is trying to stretch those Lincolns and Jeffersons while trying to keep other club functions costs down. **With the May issue, you will begin receiving the Chowder Chatter via e-mail UNLESS you notify me expressly wanting postal service delivery.**

Don't forget, if you change your e-mail address, please let me know so CMCS can continue to keep you informed, especially with emergency/last minute updates. 

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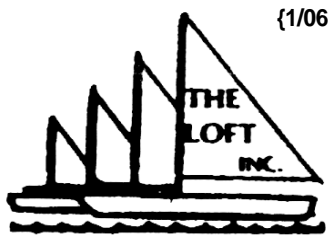
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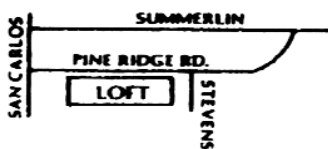
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**MISSING ALBUMS
PLEASE HELP!**

Shirley Maddix, CMCS Club Historian of 2003 created three photo albums that year. She has asked and searched everywhere and cannot find them. Perhaps you are keeping them safe. Please check your closet, your bottom dresser drawer or the attic. If you have them, either call Shirley at 482-0481 or bring them to March's meeting on the 9th at 7:30 p.m.

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Do you have products or services that sailors want or need? Want to reach a highly targeted audience? Think *Chowder Chatter*. E-mail d.vaigl@att.net for mechanical specifications and deadlines. Cost for a Business Card-size ad is only \$100.00 annually. ▶

The Sail Bag "Classified Ads"

Looking for a boat? What about gear? Great deals on used and barely used equipment below. Want to sell your unneeded boating equipment, e-mail the *Chowder Chatter* d.vaigl@att.net

Boats – Gear – Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Kerma Run Windsurfer.

12'2" big board with centerboard. Includes 6.0 m sail and harness. Great for learning. \$300. Call:

Scott Milligan (863) 612-1044 or email scottmilligan@earthlink.net {7}

For Sale: Aquaterra P'heimer sit-on-top kayak.

14'1" x 26". Self bailing scupper holes, bow and stern hatches, adjustable foot braces, padded seat with backrest and integrated storage pack, fishing pole holder, cup holder. Includes 8' Werner graphite paddle. \$350. Call: **Scott Milligan (863) 612-1044 or email scottmilligan@earthlink.net {7}**

FOR SALE: 12 ft length / 2.5" dia. Spinnaker pole in excellent shape and working order used on

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Ron Maddix ~ 239-482-0281

THE COLGATES – SPEAKERS & BOOK SIGNING AT CMCS' APRIL MEETING

Steve and Doris Colgate will be our guest speakers at the CMCS club meeting, Tuesday, April 12th. They will be talking about their new book *Fast Track To Cruising* I have asked them to bring copies for sale and signing. This should prove to be a very interesting program. Don't miss it.

Note: There is no program scheduled for the May meeting. 

Ron Maddix

FREE DOCKAGE FOR SAMI BUD LIGHT REGATTA

Ted Kennedy has arranged with "Dee" the dock master at *Factory Bay Marina* for a few, 1st come 1st served, FREE Slips for Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Due to the low tide Sat. & Sun. a.m., most skippers may want to deliver the boats to Marco Island Friday. Call **Dee** at 389-2929 or 389-4547 to reserve a FREE Slip for the **Bud Light SAMI Regatta!** 

submitted by Jerry Watkins

Bloody Mary Brunch coming up . . . see pages 4 & 11 for complete details.

Get Well Wishes

Mary Lou Mullins....could there be anything more a hurtin' than this latest injury? To our own "hobblin' " Mary Lou—lots of luck on your knee rehabilitation!

ATTENTION RACERS: NOR'S & RACE ENTRY FORMS
can be found and downloaded from the CMCS website: www.cmcs-sail.org



**PELICAN BAY
CRUISE
CAPTAINS**



Phil & Gayle Cox ~ 239-304-0838

**CRUISE TO PELICAN BAY
MARCH 4, 5, & 6, 2005.**


On March 4, 5, and 6, eleven (11) CMCS boats had a great time making their way up to **Pelican Bay at Cayo Costa**. Present were **Messin' About, Miller Time, Olde Friend, IX, Shadow Fax, Hyde-A-Way, Island Time** (trawler), **Kestrel II, Sea Isle, Island Time** (sail), and **Knight 'n Gayle**.

On Friday several of us hooked up at Sanibel Bight for an informal afternoon and evening, then on Saturday morning everyone made their way up to **Pelican Bay**. Wasn't the red tide delightful on the way up? A few boats

decided to anchor over at Usseppa Island to get deeper water, but EVERYONE made it over to **Pelican Bay** for a great cocktail party aboard **Island Time** on Saturday evening. Thank you, **Waite and Mary** for a great time and the hospitality aboard your beautiful trawler. Every one learned some new jokes, and perhaps some they DIDN'T want to learn. Oh, well, a few groaners are to be expected.

Yes, **WAZOO cup races** were held! On Saturday at 2:13 PM sharp the **Wazoo Cup Corona Relay Race** was held off the stern of **Knight 'n Gayle**. Six dingies (3 teams of 2) competed for the honors. Since none of the contestants were sure of the exact rules for the race, we had interesting strategy taking place during the heats. **Team 3** (made up of **Island Time and Olde Friend**) was the eventual winner. Congratulations to all who participated!

After the **Wazoo Cup**, a warm up cocktail party (before the real cocktail party aboard **Island Time**) was held all over (literally) **Knight 'n Gayle**. There were 22 people aboard, and a new waterline was marked on the hull of our Cape Dory 28.

A great time was had by all, no one ran aground, and we all returned home without a scratch. What a great way to spend the weekend! See you all next time. 

Phil and Gayle Cox



Can we get any more dinghys around the "watering hole"?



Shrimp Festival Race Results
continued from page 5


Class 3 CMCS Non-Spinnaker:

- Gopher Baroque.....1
- Beschwipst2
- Wa Wa3
- Hyde A Way.....4

Class 5 True Cruising Fleet:

- Windy City1
- Endeavour.....2
- Ave Del Mar3
- Coyote.....4

Santweenie Distance Race
April 24th

Yes, it's Sunday! For docking on Saturday night at **Tweenwaters Resort**, call **Steve Romaine** at 482-6280. This race is posted on our website for Sailing Instructions & ENTRY FORM. Please download, print & mail to **Diane Fowler BEFORE Weds, April 20th**. **Skipper's meetings at 6:30 & 7:30** on Thurs, April 21 at clubhouse. This race STARTS at **Redfish Pass** & ends near marker #4 off **Ft. Myers Beach**. Not a racing boat?? This COULD be the 1 race you could WIN !! 

Diane


**SW FLORIDA HOSPICE RAGATTA WINNERS
SET TO LEAVE FOR ANNAPOLIS**

Steve Romaine and his crew, regional class winners in *SW Florida's 1st Hospice Regatta*, will be competing with about 20 other regional winners in the national regatta. This competition will be held in Annapolis, MD, April 15-17 in J-105's on loan for the event by local owners. **Steve's** team includes CMCS' **Cecil Hazen** and **Scott Milligan**, and GCSC's **Jack Graffe** and **Steve Wallace**.

Pledges are being solicited as a tax deductible cash contribution to *Hospice*. You may choose the level of your commitment: Red - \$2; White - \$4; Blue - \$6, or Gold - your \$\$ selection. The dollar figure will be multiplied by the number

of boats defeated in the final result by the SW Florida entry. You may still make your pledge by the **deadline of April 9th** via email to Bouger@earthlink.net, or by telephoning **Steve** at 482-6280.

Our team thanks you for your generous support and to those who have made the more than 60 pledges made to date. All those making pledges will be notified upon our return of the amount owed to *Hospice*.

Further information about the *National Hospice Regatta Alliance* can be obtained from www.HospiceRegattas.org. 



**CMCS BLOODY MARY & COFFEE BRUNCH RESERVATIONS
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005 • 10 AM**

Names of person(s) attending: _____

Drink preferred (check one): _____ Bloody Mary _____ Bailey's _____ Kahlua

Amount enclosed @ \$6.00/person \$ _____


Kindly make checks payable to CMCS and mail to:
Al Eastman, 1120 S E 46th St, Unit 1-C, Cape Coral, FL 33904

The **deadline for reservations is Monday, May 4th**. Reservations at the door will be charged \$12.00 per person. (Note: Price includes two Bloody Marys or 2 Coffee Drinks each. Additional will be \$50.)

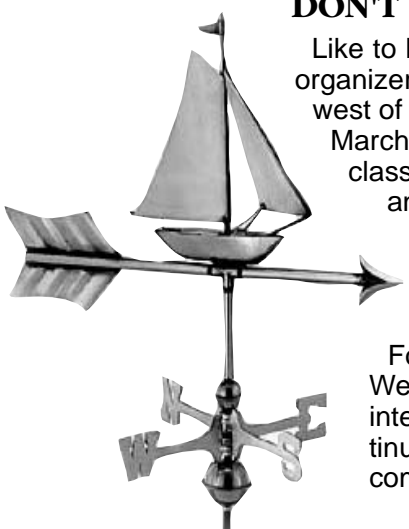
DON'T LIKE TO RACE?? THIS IS THE SEMINAR FOR YOU!

Like to be "IN CONTROL", & enjoy a day on the water? Come to the "race organizer" class at **Northern Trust Building** on College Pkwy (three buildings west of Summerlin and College, on the north side), in Ft. Myers, Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m., **Carol Robinson**, Local sailing JUDGE, will conduct a class on **Racing Rules**, then folks who want to be IN CHARGE...will go to another room to hear a PRO give tips to **RUN A RACE!**

Everyone should attend the **Racing Rules Seminar**, too. Please e-mail **Carol to RSVP** at: carol_robinson@notes.ntrs.com or csr4@ntrs.com (**NO CHARGE**)

Format: Presentation on rules. For those interested in only the rules: We will break into smaller groups and work on actual protests. For those interested in race committee: We will have a separate room with continued instruction. This seminar is open to all. Pass the word! All are welcome, including junior sailors. 

submitted by Diane Fowler





SUNFISH GURU


John Kremiski ~ 239-277-9352

March Racing

Junior Sailors **Lauren Taylor** and **Ali Yarbrough** (*Opti Green Fleet*) did a great job with the committee boat work, so special thanks to them. With a post race motor failure on the committee boat, it was a good thing **Lauren's**

father **John** was out in his flats boat to rescue us! **Ali** took a couple of pictures (see below). Winds were generally light and from the east, with gusts to about 15 knots accompanied by 15 to 20 degree righties – after two attempts to reset the course on the shifts, we finally figured out to just start the races in the lulls. A fun afternoon finished off with hamburgers and hotdogs on shore.

The next **Fort Myers Race** will be on **April 10**. I do not know yet where we will be racing from, so watch your e-mail later in the month for the location – we may move by then to the "temporary" home.

There are a lot of **sunfish** races in the area coming up - the **Hula Cup** is a really great regatta for the ladies, with a nice dinner afterwards ("*boat boys*" are invited to the dinner!) At least two are attending from **Fort Myers**. **Note the Hula Cup has moved to Sunday the 17th of April.** Usually 35-45 boats for this. 



Sharon Del Bianco
makes her presence on water known!



Steve Oliver
showing his winning style !

March 20th Race Results

*** Name.....	SCORE	Class Number	RC_1	RC_2	RC_3	RC_4	RC_5	RC_6
001: Steve Olive	8	3420	1	1	1	1	1	3
002: Jack Scragg	15	79360	2	2	5	2	3	1
003: Sharon Del Bianco	21	79105	4	3	4	6	2	2
004: Jim Summers	21	78528	3	5	2	3	4	4
005: Damien Lin	27	79372	5	4	3	4	5	6
006: Phil McWhinney	35	79380	6	6	6	5	DNF	5

TREAT MOM TO A CMCS BLOODY MARY BRUNCH ON MOTHER'S DAY

Be the kid your Mom was always proud of! And, husbands—give your “sweetie” the treat she deserves—no dishes to wash, her favorite flower and a prepared brunch set for the “Queen” she truly is!! See pages 4 and 11 for complete details on how you can be the prince in the lives of the women you love. Deadline for this event is **May 4th!**

Sunfish Racers – Mark Your Calendars



April 2-3, 2005

52nd Annual Mount Dora Sailing Regatta

Mount Dora Yacht Club
Martin Zonnenberg (H) 352-735-3298
mbpz@comcast.net
www.mountdorayachtclub.com

April 16, 2005

Jabbo Gordon Invitational Regatta

Indian Mound Park/Lemon Bay, Englewood Fl
Jabbo Gordon 941-351-5845 or
mj343@webtv.net

April 17, 2005

Hula Cup & 5th Annual Florida Women Sunfish Championship – Women Only

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota Fl
Carol McDowell 941/929-9316 or
sailorinparadise@aol.com

April 23-24, 2005

Melbourne Yacht Club Spring Regatta

Melbourne Yacht Club, Melbourne Fl
Chris Gates 321/727-7227 or cgates@cfl.rr.com
www.sail-race.com

April 30- May 1, 2005

Sarasota Sailfest

Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota Fl
Cindy Clifton (H) 941-954-6923
(W) 941-365-5694
cindy.swan@comcast.net
www.sarasotasailingsquad.com

May 7-8, 2005

Florida State Sunfish Championships

St Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg Fl
David Mendelblatt 727/521-4374
dmendelb@yahoo.com

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March / April at a Glance...

March 30	6:00 p.m.	Racing Rules Seminar (see pg. 11)
March 30	7:00 p.m.....	PRO Racing Seminar (see pg. 11)
April 2-3		GCSC Charity Regatta & Cruise to Naples
April 3.....		Daylight Savings Time
April 7.....	7:00 p.m.	Bridge Club Meeting
❖ April 8-10		Leukemia Cup-Punta Gorda
April 10.....	Noon	Sunfish Races
April 12.....	6:00 p.m.	Open Grill Night
April 12.....	7:30 p.m.	CMCS Membership Meeting
April 16-17		Cruise to Sanibel Bight/St. James City
❖ April 16-17		SAMI Bud Kight Regatta-MIYC
April 20.....	7:30 p.m.....	CMCS Board Meeting
April 21.....	6:30 p.m.	"Rookie" Skipper's Seminar
April 21.....	7:30 p.m.....	Santweenie Skipper/Crew Meeting
❖ April 23-24		Santweenie Race/Cruise

Looking Ahead to May...

May 5	6:30 p.m.	"Rookie" Skipper's Seminar
May 5	7:30 p.m.	Estebel Night Race Skipper/Crew Meeting
May 8	10:00 a.m.	Bloody Mary Brunch
❖		<i>Non-CMCS Club Race</i>

Deadline for May Issue – April 23rd Noon
(E-mail articles & news to d.vaigl@att.net)