

From the Commodore January was a busy month! With most of our Snow Birds back in town enjoying our fantastic weather, we are going all out to bring more fun and camaraderie into our sailing activities.

Thanks to Susan Brigida, the marine flea market was a great new experience for the Club. Her hard work coordinating and organizing our booth really paid off for the 24 members who participated.

The Herb Carey/Chuck Reade Regatta was fantastic! Mike called ahead to the weather gods, so we had perfect conditions for the 6 boats that participated.

We hosted a booth at the Port Salerno Sea Food Festival, and – most importantly -- finished off the month in fine form with the Commodore's Ball. Again I thank Asta for making this annual event particularly special. All month, Fred deNapoli taught his Racing Seminar. So many people enrolled that we had to split the seminar into two groups. Fred did a professional job and we really appreciate his generosity in sharing his great wealth of knowledge. Many thanks to Fred for helping us to become better sailors and more competitive racers.



Our Commodore enjoying his award-winning chili. Think you can do better than clam-lentil chili? Bring it!!! The Chili Cook-Off is the 25th.) (

February opens with our upgraded 12-Pack Race on the 4th. Then follows our monthly meeting on the 6th with a great program highlighting Asta and Richard's beer can racing adventures in Hawaii. Next comes the Sailing & Margaritas Dinner on the 9th at Bonefish Mac's.

Don't miss the major event of the month, the Blessing of the Fleet and Marine Parade on the 11th, and relax with friends at the Raft-Up afterwards. The following week is the Sweethearts' Regatta on the 18th. The fabled SLSC Chili Cook Off will be a fine way to wrap up the month on the 25th.

The other big February event will be the unveiling of our new web site. Adrienne Jalowsky has slaved away developing a new up-to-date SLSC web site. Please check it out when it is ready. Many thanks, Adrienne!

Fair Winds... And let's sail faster than the wind! -- Commodore Thomas Mestrits

Corinthian Spirit Awards

Asta Poirier, Past Commodore, presented three outstanding members with the Corinthian Spirit Awards for 2016. They were honored at the Commodore's Ball. Honorees were: Thomas Mestrits, Cruising; Katherine Neurohr, Membership; Larry Bryant, Racing. Each is shown, smiling, with Asta.



Thomas Mestrits



Katherine Neurohr



Larry Bryant

February Calendar

Saturday, February 4th – 12 Pack Race, Noon. Raft-up after the race -- Anchor off The Deck Restaurant.

Monday, February 6th – Monthly Meeting, 7:30p., Palm City Recreation Center, 2701 SW Cornell Ave., Palm City.

Thursday, February 9th – Sailing & Margaritas Dinner, 6:30p., Bonefish Mac's Sports Grill, 662 SE Becker Rd., Port St. Lucie. RSVP by Thursday at Noon to Caroline Appis, 772-463-0111, attyappis@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, February 11th – Blessing of the Fleet & Marine Parade, Noon, North Fork of the St. Lucie River, No. of Marker G7; Beer Can Race, Noon; Raft-Up after the parade, Kitching Cove.

Saturday, February 18th – Sweethearts' Regatta, Noon. Gather afterwards at The Deck Restaurant, 307 NW River Road, Stuart.

Tuesday, February 21st – Bridge Meeting, 7:00p., Location TBD

Saturday, February 25th -- Chili Cook-Off, Noon, Stuart Causeway. Beer Can Race, Noon.

The SLSC will send you email announcements with details about the racing, cruising, and social events.

Save The Date: Saturday, March 18th for the Manatee Pocket Cruise and Picnic!

BOATERS NEEDED!

SAT., FEB. 11, 2017

This is a **FREE EVENT** for all area boaters! Private. Commercial. Power. Sail. Big or Small. Each boat will be blessed by multi faith Clergy as they pass the Review Boat.

When: Sat. Feb. 11, 2017

Where: North Fork St. Lucie River

Time: Assembly 12 noon.

Ready 12:30pm - No rain date.

Assembly location: North of marker G7.

Approx. 27.14.3, 80.18.4.

Instructions: Stand by VHF channel "78".

Yacht Clubs will gather at assigned positions. Independent Boaters assemble at marker flag "S" (north end) and arrangement shall be by smallest to largest vessel. Boat decorations encouraged.



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High Adrenalin Start!

“ A great shot of a starting line with perhaps 5-10 seconds to go before the start... The J/105 North American Championships in Larchmont, NY, October, 2016, 40 boats on the line.” – Fred deNapoli

Photograph courtesy of Chris Howell, Class Administrator, J/105 Class Association.

Racing Scuttlebutt *By Mike Brescher*

The Herb Carey/ Chuck Reade Regatta was sailed on January 21, 2017 in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. We had a good 6-boat turnout and great weather for sailing and just being out on the River. They started out with winds 5-10 knots out of the South and sped home with gusts reported over 25 knots later in the afternoon.

It was great to see Richard and Asta finally get *Wild Rice* out for the afternoon of racing. On their last rounding of the Bessey Creek mark, the boat slowed down and had problems reaching to the finish. They almost made it to the finish when it was discovered they had hooked the mark and were dragging the anchor. A great finish on a great day on the first race out.

The Finishers, Cruising J&M Fleet:

1st – *Whisper* with Larry Bryant at 1hr 5min 42sec.

2nd – *Shoo Fly* with Steve Pickuet at 1hr 10min 26 sec.

3rd – *Joy* with Fran Clark at 1 hr 14 min 2 sec.

4th – *Sloop John B* with Mike Diamond at 1hr 18min 56sec.

5th – *Samsarah* with Harvey Nation at 1hr 20min 33sec.

6th – *Wild Rice* with Richard Rice survived with a DNF

***Whisper* is Boat of the Year, 2016**



Larry Bryant, skipper of *Whisper*, was awarded the "Boat of the Year" for having the highest credits for monthly racing, Beer Can racing, weekday cruising and participation in Club social functions.

The Brewing of the SLSC 12-Pack Race

We have a new twist to our Saturday BeerCan Races, the 12-Pack Series. One Beer Can Race per month will appear on the club calendar as a 12-Pack Race. It will have the same handicapped pursuit start as the Beer Can Races, but we'll keep track of the monthly results. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st Place = 1 point

2nd Place = 2 points

3rd Place = 3 points

All other participants = 4 points

All non-participants that month = 6 points

The Grand Prize: Drop the three worst monthly finishes, and the lowest total at year-end will be awarded a coveted 12-pack of beer. If Mike Diamond (Sloop John B) and Larry Bryant (Whisper) are both absent, just email results to me: MDiamondSJB@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

Karen Hermanson will be talking to new members and telling us about them in upcoming issues of "The Log." We hope these brief introductions will encourage all of us to reach out to new members, and make them feel welcome.



This Month, Please Meet Captain Karen Hermanson.

Karen comes to us recently from Miami Beach. She wants to get to know her fellow boaters herein the Port St. Lucie area. She has 30 years of sailing experience and purchased her 36' Cascade Sloop *Najimi* in 1999 when she lived in Delray Beach, FL. She has sailed throughout the Caribbean, Bahamas, and Florida Keys. Currently *Najimi* is in Bayfield, Wisconsin, where she plans to explore Lake Superior's Apostle Islands before spending the next few summers sailing the other Great Lakes. Karen was formerly the Commodore of the Sailing Singles of South Florida in Fort Lauderdale and holds a 50 Ton Master USCG Captain's license. She welcomes members to come aboard her 38' Chris Craft Trawler, *Love Shack*, which she keeps at her dock, or to join her for a few days sailing up North.

New Members in 2017: Donna Coomer, theazureflutterby@yahoo.com; Mike Davidson, mikethat@sympatico.ca; Wayne Miller, wamiller123456@gmail.com

Shakedown on *Wild Rice*: Learning Curve. Buoy Encounter. Fun!

By Richard Rice and Asta Poirier

Even though she needs more tweaking and a new bottom job, we were eager to take *Wild Rice* out of the marina for a shakedown to participate in the Herb Carey Regatta on Saturday, January 21st.

With experienced crew (Richard Steele, Margrit Nitschke, and Debbie Robson) and favorable weather, we became **very** familiar with *Wild Rice* – discovered some wonderful aspects of her and some challenges that need further work – definitely a significant learning curve for all of us. What is this line for? Follow the color – red and white – aah, jib halyard. Blue and white, yep, main halyard. Add to the “honey do” list: Labels for clutches. The main refused to go all the way up – no problem, let’s reef her; weather report says gusts over 22 knots. Reef points, reef lines? Oops, nowhere to be seen; must be in one of the storage compartments – add that to the “honey-do” list. She felt solid, however, and handled the occasional over 20-knot gusts like a champ – Yippee! I think we love this boat!

Coming around the last mark at Bessey Creek, *Wild Rice* decided to do the Race Committee a huge favor by catching the club buoy and bringing it a little closer for their pickup – A decision that disqualified us, but Mike thanked us for the effort – You’re welcome, Mike.

We survived! We’ll do better next time! Did we have fun? You bet!



Announcing...

SLSC Matchup! By Mynders Glover



No, it's not a new dating service...but it **IS** the next best thing.

For a long time, our Club has been dealing with several nagging issues, such as...

How can we get more of our Members, boat owners and non-owners alike, participating in sailing events?

Is there a more efficient way to meet the needs of boat owners who want to sail, but may not have an easy way to find crew who are available on that date.

Or how about the reverse? Members who want to sail, but may not be connected to Skippers... or might feel a little timid in asking because of their lack of experience.

I've been having some fun over the past few months trying to solve these problems. I have created a possible solution that has received some very strong interest and 'made some Matchups' during the testing period. Now, we're ready to prime the pump and make it available to the rest of the Club.

How Does 'SLSC Matchup' Work?

In its current form, it is an interactive Worksheet designed to match up boat owners (Skippers) and sailors (Crew) who want to sail on any given weekend.

Members (you) keep it updated on dates that you want to sail (or email 'Support', if you need help)...and then simply pick up the phone and make contact with the other party. It's as simple as that!

How do I Jump Aboard?

1) Go right now to the Google Workbook to check it out. <http://bit.ly/SLSCMatchup>

2) If you have difficulty getting on (for example, if you don't have a Gmail email account)...no worries. Simply send an email to 'support' at SLSCmatchup@gmail.com and we'll give you a universal access code we've set for Members. This support email is also the place for you to send any problems or suggestions...or if you want help in getting started, initially.

Please note that we are still trimming the sails on 'SLSC Matchup'. It will evolve over time, based on the input received and observed habits of the Club members. One potential is to initiate an interactive communication tool to create buzz around weekly sailing opportunities. And soon, it will be accessible from our new website.

Most certainly, it will continue to be a sustainable Club resource which can be updated directly by Members.

The Commodore's Ball

Saturday, January 28, 2017
Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club

AN ELEGANT AFFAIR

On Saturday, January 28th, at the annual Commodore's Ball, the St. Lucie Sailing Club celebrated another tradition—the official changing of the helm from the 2016 Bridge to the 2017 Bridge. Congratulations to Captain Tom Mestrts, Commodore for 2017. We are all confident that you will guide our club to new heights. Thank you so much.

The celebration was marked by honoring our Past Commodores, acknowledging the significant contributions made by members of SLSC to stepped way beyond the call by giving generously their time, talents, and energies to ensure the success of our little sailing club. We are so appreciative and proud to know each of you. Corinthian Spirit Awards are given out each year to individuals who not only did their "job" in the club, but who went the extra mile.

Submitted by Past Commodore Asta Poirier



2017 SLSC Commodore Tom Mestrts and his beautiful lady, Camille Galindo.



Boat of the Year 2016 — presented to Larry Bryant, captain of "Whisper" — congratulations Larry!



SLSC ladies know how to have fun

Past Commodore Kathie Hansen and her beautiful daughter, Linda Magda, SLC Social Captain



2016 CORINTHIAN SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS:
Racing — Larry Bryant
Cruising—Tom Mestrts
Membership—Katherine Neurohr



Out fabulous music provided by talented "Permanent Affair" - Keely & Jamie Groff

I think the dance below is called "the Huddle" ????



Rear Commodore Richard Rice & Past Commodore Asta Poirier

Racing Around The World

By Thomas Mestrits

World sailing records are falling this new year in the toughest, most demanding race course: The globe. Think nonstop, 28,000 miles, around the three capes, without assistance, in the company of freezing weather, icebergs, and huge seas.

Sodebo Ultime, the 100ft/31m maxi trimaran sailed by Thomas Coville, shattered the singlehanded around-the-world record on a multihull with the time of 49d 3hr 07min. A crowd of over 100,000 people were waiting to cheer *Sodebo Ultime's* finish on Christmas Day.

The Vendee Globe, a single-handed race around the world, is underway. Half of this year's 60ft monohulls had lifting foils. Rough conditions have taken a toll on the fleet of 29 starters, with 2 boats lost and 10 withdrawn. Most of the boats have been damaged by hitting floating objects, although luckily there were no injuries. The record time of 78 days was shattered by Armel LeClec'h on *Banque Populaire VIII*. Race time: 74d 3h 35m 46s.

IDEC Sport, the sistership to *Sodabo*, shattered the old record with an unbelievable time of 40d 23hr 30m, sailing 26,412 miles at an average speed of 26.85 knots. The crew of six set numerous records under way. *IDEC Sport* crossed the Indian Ocean (3705 miles) at the average speed of 35.08 knots. For six days, they covered over 800 miles per day, and their top daily run was 894 miles.

Locally, the SORC Lauderdale to Key West race results are in. David and Peter Askew's RC74 In the Multihull division, the 62ft Gun Boat *Elvis* finished first with the time of 10:00:48. The second multihull finisher was another 60 ft Gun Boat. These are carbon fiber luxury catamarans costing in excess of \$4M each, with a PHRF rating of -50. A funny story in this event is that Joe Rome, a friend of mine, got first place on handicap with his 29-year-old homemade plywood Simpson 48 catamaran, *Peregrine*. He averaged better than 10 knots for the 160 mile race. The next SORC event is the Miami to Havana race on March 15, 2017.



It's... SLSC Classified

Cookbooks: Don't have the SLSC Cookbook? You really should. Bring \$20 to the monthly meeting.

Crew: Still can't find crew? Send a flyer with a picture of your boat, a description of crew wanted, location of boat, and when you sail to Alan Jenkinson at the USSC, and he will post it on the bulletin board.

alan@usscmc.org

Dock Space Available: On Hidden River, Palm City. Can accommodate boat up to 30'. Draft approximately 5'. Water & electric available. Good hurricane hole. Call Joe Sawyer, 220-3445.

Laser Sail: \$130. Used once. Call Caroline Appis: 772-463-0601.

Lost: Bouy with anchor attached. Somewhat well-travelled. No questions asked. Call Mike B.

Sailboat: Catalina Capri 26. Many racing upgrades. Email adrienne205@yahoo.com, or call 305-726-3519.



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