First, I’d like to thank everyone for making our 2019 gala **Commodore’s Ball** and ‘Change Of Watch’ party such a success. A special shout out goes to special event planner Asta Poirier for all her efforts. Congrats to James Arthur, Fred Faulkner, and Richard Rice for receiving **Corinthian Spirit** awards for membership, cruising and racing respectively. **Wild Rice** was also recognized as 2018 ‘Boat of The Year.’ Your 2019 bridge is looking forward to another exciting year ahead, too.

We begin in February with the **48th Annual Blessing of the Fleet** on February 9th. Check the Blessing’s website [www.theblessingofthefleet.com](http://www.theblessingofthefleet.com) for details. We’ll follow with a raft up in Kitching Cove. SLSC is the lead club this year, so we’re looking for an enthusiastic turnout. Be sure to bring some goodies to share at the raft up.

The following weekend features our **Sweetheart Regatta** on the 16th, where the ladies in the club get to show their stuff. This is always one of our most popular and fun races.

If that isn’t enough, we have the cruise to the **St. Lucie Locks** coming up on February 23rd, featuring a picnic and our annual chili cook-off competition. Chefs are already taste testing recipes!

*Lots to do this month... Let’s get out there and enjoy!*

- Joe Sawyer, **SLSC Commodore**
The HERB CAREY / CHUCK READE Regatta was sailed on January 19th, 2019 in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. We had a good 8 boat turnout with great weather for sailing and just being out on the River. They started out with winds at 6 knots out of the south that increased during the afternoon. There were a few light spots that were just enough to give the challenge. The fleet stayed together changing positions for the first few marks, but then spread out on the course. We had our first Sonar "ECHO" in a while join us on our course.

The Finishers:

Cruising J&M Fleet Places with Corrected time are:

1st – **SHOO FLY** with Steve Pikuet at 1hr 23min 51 sec
2nd – **SLOOP JOHN B** with Mike Diamond at 1hr 31min 55 sec
3rd – **WHISPER** with Larry Bryant at 1hr 32min 00 sec (5 sec. difference)
4th – **WARLOCK** with Steve DeLise at 1hr 32min 51 sec
5th – **FREEDOM** with Carolyn Zytaruk at 1hr 34min 32 sec
6th – **WILD RICE** with Richard Rice at 1hr 38 min 52 sec
7th – **VOYAGER** with Joe Sawyer at 1hr 45 min 11 sec

One Design Sonar Fleet:

**ECHO** with Steve Garrett at an Elapsed time of 1hr 36min 11sec.
That was finishing 9min 7sec ahead of the first Cruising Fleet boat.
We started the 2019 '12 Pack Series' with a bang! January 5th was the first race in this new year along with strong, gusty winds and 8 boats participating.

Warlock took an early lead and maintained that position for the entire race. Freedom was a fast 2nd followed by a speedy Shoo Fly (with Jay Seeley taking Mynders Glover’s place on the winches).

Whisper had the fastest time, but also the highest handicap and finished 4th.

Order of Finish:

Warlock
Freedom
Shoo Fly
Whisper
Wild Rice
Sloop John B
Salty Dogs
William Bligh

I’d like to see double digit participants in February!
Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 2nd - ‘12 Pack’ Race, 12:00 noon
Monday, Feb. 4th - SLSC Monthly Meeting, Palm City Rec. Ctr., 7:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 9th - Blessing of the Fleet, 12:00 noon, Raft-up at Kitching Cove
Saturday, Feb. 16th - Sweethearts’ Regatta, 12:00 noon
Tuesday, Feb. 19th - Full Moon Sailing/Raft-up
Tuesday, Feb. 19th - SLSC Bridge Meeting, 6:45 PM
Thursday, Feb. 21st - Sailing & Margaritas Social, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Feb. 23rd - St. Lucie Locks Cruise & Chili Cookoff

Saturday, Mar. 2nd - ‘12 Pack’ Race, 12:00 noon
Monday, Mar. 4th - SLSC Monthly Meeting, Palm City Rec. Ctr., 7:00 PM
Saturday, Mar. 9th - Don Ellis Memorial Regatta, 12:00 noon
Fri-Sun, Mar. 15-17 - Ft. Pierce YC Spring Regatta
Saturday, Mar. 16th - Beer Can Race, 12:00 noon
Saturday, Mar. 16th - St. Patrick’s Day Party
Tuesday, Mar. 19th - Bridge Meeting, 6:45 PM
Wednesday, Mar 20th - Full Moon Sailing/Raft-up
Thursday, Mar. 21st - Sailing & Margaritas Social, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Mar. 23rd - Beer Can Race, 12 PM
Saturday, Mar. 30th - Cruise to Conchy Joe’s/Jensen Bch Cswy Park
Monday, Apr. 1st - SLSC Monthly Meeting, Palm City Rec. Ctr., 7:00 PM

For more photos, the full calendar, or to learn more about our club, please go to: www.stluciesailingclub.org
St. Lucie Sailing Club Commodore’s Ball
—  Asta Poirier, Past Commodore

St. Lucie Sailing Club’s tradition continues – On January 12, 2019, we once again honored our past commodores, thanked the amazing individuals who stepped up to serve as the 2018 Bridge, and most importantly, officially installed the Bridge for 2019 – Joe Sawyer, Commodore; James Arthur, Vice Commodore; Debbie Arthur, Treasurer; Dina Hollobaugh, Secretary; Mike Brescher, Race Chairman; Larry Bryant, Cruise Captain; Linda Magda, Social Captain; and Tom Mestrits, Immediate Past Commodore. We also want to thank the Directors who serve: Helen Harralson, Log Editor; Katherine Neurohr, Ship’s Store; Adrienne Jalowsky, Webmaster; Harvey Nation, Facebook and Publicity; and committee chairs: Joanne Swann, Refreshments; and special events: Mynders Glover and Tom Mestrits, Port Salerno Sea Food Festival; and Asta Poirier, Commodore’s Ball Event Planner.

The **2018 Corinthian Spirit Award** winners are: Racing – Richard Rice; Cruising – Fred Faulkner; and Membership – James Arthur. AND, (drum roll)….the **2018 Boat of the Year** recipient was “*Wild Rice*” and Captain Richard Rice.

Sailors do clean up rather well, as attested by the photographs taken by our own Jay and Annie Seeley. Check out our Facebook and Website photos. Thank you Jay and Annie for going the extra mile to document our club events.

We have so many individuals who contribute to the success of SLSC – people who give that something extra during the year – Big thank you to Mike Diamond, who initiated the monthly 12-Pack Races; Linda Magda to plans social events to bring us together each month; and new to the Bridge, Larry Bryant, who will plan fun cruising events in the coming year.

So in the coming year, the operative word is PARTICIPATION. Participate in racing, cruising, social events – Racers and cruisers round up crew and take people sailing – come to social events to meet like-minded individuals – have an idea, share it – if you have a big house or condo clubhouse, host a party; it’s easy, Linda Magda will help you organize it – best of all, the more you participate, the more you get out of your membership dues.
Two Videos to Assist with ‘SLSC Matchup’

Our Club’s ‘Matchup’ Google spreadsheet has helped many Crew members connect with Skippers to get a ride on boats for the upcoming weekend.

But did you know that Members can also use it to...
* Connect with a cruising Captain to go for a leisurely sail during the week.
* See which boats are competing this weekend.
* Check your competition’s accumulated score on the monthly ‘12 Pack’ race.
* Learn the details and boat ride availability for upcoming cruises.

If you don’t use it, you are missing the benefits of this valuable resource. So, here are 2 videos to help you get the most out of SLSC Matchup...

2. How to Use It ... [https://www.screencast.com/t/nqXe9QQEXsL](https://www.screencast.com/t/nqXe9QQEXsL)

If you have questions, please contact Mynders Glover at SLSCmatchup@gmail.com
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