



St Lucie Sailing Club

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From the Acting Commodore:

This is written to you from my home where I am self-quarantined. As arranging an interesting speaker is pretty tough in this environment, we are suggesting something a little different. The US Sailing Center has created a new set of videos called “The Starboard Portal” where they are having speakers from their Sailing Leadership Forum discuss a variety of sailing subjects. They suggested that we offer them to our members. The videos can be found at www.ussailing.org. I suggest you check them out.



If we are still in “lockdown mode” at the time when we would normally be having our Monthly Meeting in May, we may do a Zoom conference call with everyone. If we do that, we’ll send a link to you. All you will need to do is click on it. It will be a group video call. Also, if we are still in that mode, our May S&M will be canceled, but if not, I am sure our lovely **Linda Magda** will arrange something, so we can all celebrate.

In the meantime, I hope you all stay safe and follow the CDC, State, and local County guidelines so the virus can be contained as quickly as possible.

James Arthur

Racing Scuttlebutt

Mike Brescher, Race Captain

The Spring Fling Regatta was held April 18, 2020. After a couple of rainy days and a foggy overcast morning, it did not look good for a race day. As we got close to the race time, the sun came out and the clouds disappeared, and the winds blew out of the southwest at 5 to 10 knots. The *weather gods* made it into a perfect racing day.



We had a good six boat turnout, giving great competition, and with the southwest wind, it was a different type of a course from the standard beer can. *Cusin* received the award for being able to stay out sailing on the river the longest. As the boats finished, the weather began to decline and it started raining ten minutes after *Cusin* finished.

The *washed and sanitized* trophies were presented to the first three boats as they finished. The rest of us were given a *beautiful day* to be out sailing on the river.

The finish order is:

1st -	<i>My Weigh</i>	Jack Molinelli	1:18:07
2 nd -	<i>Last Word</i>	Darren Kirkland	1:22:06
3 rd -	<i>Sailsman</i>	Jesse Jagoda	1:23:50
4th -	<i>Wild Rice</i>	Asta Poirier & Richard Rice	1:34:18
5 th -	<i>Angelina</i>	Orlando Milian	1:33:05
6 th -	<i>Cusin</i>	Chris Cusimano & Larry Bryant	at 1:57:47

Congratulations to everyone who was able to get out and race today. What a great change-of-pace to our current way of life. Thanks for being out there today Mike, and a big congrats to Jack on My Weigh and Darren on Last Word for doing a great job of staying out of my way. Next time try to do it behind me!

Jesse Jagoda

Winter Six Pack Racing Series

Mike Diamond

We had to cancel February and reschedule the March races, both due to weather... but we've completed our first "Winter Six Pack Racing Series."

We were going to announce the winners and award some beer trophies at the April meeting, but the meeting was cancelled. Winners can collect their trophies at the next SLSC meeting, or contact **Mike Brescher**. Of course, you had better do this before trophies are subject to consumption by Race Captain.



We had 12 racing participants from October to March. First, second, and third places were all up for grabs going into the last race with four boats separated by only five points.

After the last race - only four points separated second through fifth places... and the winners are:

3rd Place *Wild Rice* (18 points), **Asta Poirier & Richard Rice**
with a trophy of 'Maui Bikini Blonde Lager'

2nd Place *Shoo Fly* (17 points), **Steve and Nancy Pikuett**
with a trophy of 'Samuel Adams Cold Snap White Ale'

1st Place *Warlock* (11 points)
Stephen DeLise

with a trophy of 'O Captain, My Captain Lager'



The 'Summer 6 Pack Racing Series' has already started - see you on the water!

Spring Fling Regatta

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Asta Poirier and Richard Rice, S/V Wild Rice



To comply with social distancing, we decided to race today without our usual crew – just Richard and me on *Wild Rice*.

Without a foredeck guy, we opted to reef our jib. The winds were clocking 10 to 15

knots through most of the race – *perfection* – this is manageable. *My Weigh, Last Word, and Sailsman* did a horizon job on us, but we managed to edge out *Angelina* at the finish line to earn fourth place. Time... to head home. But you can never get too cocky sailing on our little river – by the time we were half way up the North Fork, the winds picked up to 30-37 knots on the nose – Yipes!

We put the pedal-to-the-metal and inched our way home. ‘Kept wondering how we would manage to dock the boat by ourselves with this gale. ‘Prayed a lot... The wind gods finally relented and dropped down to 14 knots by the time we arrived at Sandpiper Marina – WHEW!



Matchup - Skippers and Crew

Paul Loschiavo, Log Editor

At the last Bridge Meeting, the subject of **rac**ing was front-and-center. In this social distancing environment, it's one of a very few outdoor activities that can be done safely. We ended up talking about matching skippers looking for crew and people who want to be crew. As the club is not meeting regularly, this is even harder than it is normally.



Somebody said “What about our Matchup program?”

Club member Mynders Glover has a program designed to do just that. Unfortunately, he was not in the Zoom meeting.

I quickly volunteered to connect with him and get him to write something for the Log about how to use Matchup.

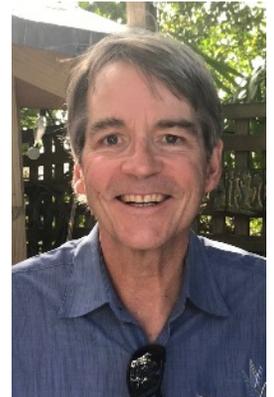
After the meeting, not knowing anything about SLSC Matchup, I sent an email to Mynders and Mike Brescher (the Race Captain), asking them to write something for the Log about how to use Matchup.

Mynders, who's a *great* guy, happens to run something like fifty-seven online companies. He responded with “here's a couple links to the website.” Mike, another great guy, but more of a sextant-and-wet-compass kind of guy, responded with “it's on the website.”

As I've never actually used it, I figured I'd give it a try and explain in the Log how to use it.

First off... it *really* is pretty easy. Mynders set it up to be simple. It is. But, like most things on the internet, there are multiple ways of accessing it. Here's one that works:

1. Go to the SLSC website: stluciasailingclub.org.
2. This is important: Up in the top right corner of the screen, click on “*log in.*”
3. Log in.
4. Click on the “*members only*” tab.
5. Click on “*need crew - want to crew*”
6. You'll then see a nice writeup by Mynders explaining how it works. Read it. Otherwise, just click on the blue hyper-link about halfway down the page.
7. Ignore the “sign-in” at the top of the page. Down at the bottom of the page, there are three tabs: *instructions*, *skippers*, and *crew*.
8. If you are a typical guy and read the instructions only after all else has failed, and you are a skipper looking for crew, click on “skipper.” Under the upcoming event, type “Y” if you want crew for that event. If you are looking to crew, click on “crew,” find your name, fill in your qualifications, and put a “Y” under an event for which you'd like to crew. Otherwise, read the instructions.
9. As it gets closer to the event, check the site. Look at both pages and connect with whoever matches!



If you get hung up, send an email to slscmatchup@gmail.com. Mynders will help you!

It actually takes longer to explain it than it does to use it. Now, go for it and... wash your hands!



SLSC Upcoming Events

“On the Radar Screen”

Stuff happens: check your emails

— tentative —

- May 2 Six Pack Race
- May 4 Monthly Meeting
- May 9 Cruise to Peck Lake
- May 14 S&M
- May 16-17 Cerulean Cup
- May 19 Bridge Meeting
- Jun 1 Monthly meeting
- Jun 6 Six Pack Race
- Jun 13 Cruise to Nettles Island
- Jun 16 Bridge Meeting
- Jun 20 Summer Solstice Regatta
- Jun 27 Pool Party at Linda Magda’s



Sunset Bay, by Harvey Nation

Social Scuttlebutt

Linda Magda, Social Captain

It looks like the anchor light at the end of the tunnel might actually be getting bigger. When the “all clear” is finally sounded, we’ll undoubtedly arrange a S&M dinner. I have a feeling that it will be highly attended.

Be sure to keep your eyes on your emails.

Editor’s note: *James, when we get going, you might then want to ask the Coast Guard to send out a Notice to Mariners: The SLSC social program is back in business! PL*



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Editor's Note: If you have something to say, or some good pictures, please send them in! In times like this...it's great to have more stuff in the Log! PL

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