

2008

*Commodore: **Agnes Gomez***
*Vice-Commodore: **Judy Tomlins***
*Rear Commodore: **Alan Mitchell***
*Cruising Fleet Captain: **Jack Johanessen***
*Day Fleet Captain: **Maggie Ibach***
*Secretary: **Maggie Mitchell***
*Treasurer: **Geri Kahn***

There was a rainy start to 2008, which dampened the New Year's Day raft-up, but several boats went to Glover's Bight New Year's eve and celebrated. The New Year's Eve turnout at the anchorage is growing every year. It is a beautiful sight to see all-around firework displays at midnight and feel a part of the excitement of the New Year's arrival.

Luncheons are still a well-attended function of the sailing club. There were twelve (12) luncheons in 2008. The winter months had thirty-five to forty (35-40) people, on average at the luncheons, and in the summer, around twenty (20) people attended each luncheon. Some people came by boat but the majority came by 4-wheel drive.

There were nine (9) cruises this year, counting the New Year's Eve/Day raft-up. Seven (7) boats went on the "icicle cruise" to Franklin Locks in January. Twelve (12) boats went up to Palm Island on the "Go-Fly-A-Kite" cruise in February. Thirty-eight (38) people participated in flying kites on the beach. Some people drove up for the day and some took rooms at the Palm Harbor Marina. In March, the popular St. Patrick's Day cruise to Tween Waters had fifteen (15) boats participating. In April, eight (8) boats went to Ft. Myers Beach to Moss Marine or anchored in the mooring field at Matanzas Pass. Two (2) CCSC boats cruised up the west coast of Florida to Tarpon Springs in April and May. May 7-23 was the St. Petersburg/Clearwater cruise with nine (9) boats. There was an anchor-out cruise to Ft. Myers to watch the 4th of July fireworks. The next cruise was in October, known as the Charlotte Harbor Race/Cruise, which took us up Charlotte Harbor to Punta Gorda, where we anchored off Gilchrist Park. Seven (7) boats participated in this cruise which ended with a two-day Seven Seas Cruising Association GAM. The final cruise of the year was to South Seas Plantation in November, with five (5) boats. Three (3) other boats went to Matanzas Pass moorings in Ft. Myers Beach in November, also.

The "Oops Flag" is still circulating among the cruising fleet to whomever meets the "oops" requirements.

The Rear Commodore worked real hard to spark interest in getting racing started again, but still not enough interest in racing among the members.

There were a lot more social events this year because there was some kind of social event at every general meeting. The general meetings started at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction, Bingo, pot luck, potato bar, ice cream social, wine and cheese party, or Halloween party. Fifty-three (53) people attended a Lunch Box Social/Bocce Ball Tournament at Matlacha Community Park in February. In March, there was a Tailgate Party at the Twins ballgame in Ft. Myers. Salute-to-the-Commodore boat parade and luncheon was in June. The parade of boats was in Glover's Bight with five (5) boats, and lunch was at Rumrunners with fifty-two (52) attendees. Seventeen (17) members went on the "Big M" casino boat out of Ft. Myers in September. October was the well-attended canoe trip and Bar-B-Q up on the Peace River. The final social for the year was the Change-of-Watch in December. Ninety-five (95) people enjoyed the festivities of the evening.

There were several changes this year. The By-laws were updated and the standing rules were changed to read that the CCSC Anniversary luncheon will be held in June and the Salute-to-the-Commodore be held in November each year. The second change was to charge an additional \$12.00 to the annual dues to anyone who wants the newsletter, "Mainsheet", mailed to them each month. Otherwise, the Mainsheet is on the web page or a member can pick up their newsletter at the general meeting. The third thing, the web master closed our web page December 31 and we are now in the process of setting up a new web page.

Some new additions this year: our Commodore negotiated a 20 cent/gallon discount on fuel from Dockside Fuel, and the Board approved a rebate of \$10.00 off membership dues if a member brings in an advertiser for the newsletter.

The "Member-of-the-Year" award went to Sharron Thompson. The "Charlie Varga Award" (boat attending the most luncheons by boat) was given to JAMAR, Jack D'Agostino.

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