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2015 was another year of cruising, luncheons, and socials. Another year of fighting for “Your Right to Anchor”. Admiralty law clearly states that anchoring is an inseparable part of navigating. The U.S. Constitution clearly guarantees that a sailor has the right to navigate freely on the navigable waters of the U.S., for the purpose of transportation, commerce, and recreation. House Bill 7123 deals with derelict vessels without changing the current anchoring law. Florida Senate Bill 1548 has the anchoring restrictions. We must keep fighting these restrictions which would greatly affect our cruising in Florida waters.

Speaking of cruising, there were six (6) cruises sponsored by the Cape Coral Sailing Club, plus two (2) raft-ups in 2015. The New Year’s cruise to Glover Bight and the New Year Raft-up had four (4) boats rafted together, plus one (1) dinghy. The raft-up included twenty-four (24) CCSC members. The nights were in the low 60's and daytime was in the 70's. The weather was so delightful the raft-up didn't break up until after 4:00 p.m.

The annual January “Icicle Cruise” to Franklin Locks was canceled due to work being done on the docks at the Franklin Locks Park. So, instead, a cruise was planned to the Ft. Myers Beach mooring field. Three (3) boats participated in this cruise.

In February, the popular “Go Fly a Kite” cruise to Palm Island had fourteen (14) boats participating. The weather was perfect except for lack of wind, making it hard to fly a kite. March was the month for the Tween Waters cruise to Captiva Island. There were nine (9) boats with more than twenty (20) people enjoying the amenities Tween Waters offers. One boat cruised up to Sarasota/Longboat Key in April. Another boat headed to the Keys. Also, five (5) boats and one (1) jet ski (19 members) enjoyed a picnic on

Picnic Island in April.

The snowbirds were heading north in May and the weather was heating up, so cruising was suspended in Florida waters by our club members. But there were members enjoying boating up north in Maine and on the northern lakes. The next CCSC cruise was in October where four (4) boats went to the Pink Shell Resort in Ft. Myers Beach. The November cruise up Charlotte Harbor was canceled due to lack of participation, but there was a raft up at Glovers Bight the day before the Salute-to-the-Commodore luncheon in November at Rumrunners restaurant in Cape Coral.

There were eleven (11) luncheons in 2015. The biggest attendance at a luncheon was to Rumrunners for the Salute-to-the-Commodore in November with fifty (50) plus members attending. The restaurant Bongo's Beach Bar and Grill in the Pink Shell Resort had 36 attendees in October. In March, there were thirty (30) attendees in the Crystal Room at Shell Point Village in Ft. Myers, and in May, thirty (30) went to Anthony's-on-the- Blvd. in Cape Coral. In December, Cactus Jack's, N. Ft. Myers, had thirty four (34) members attend that luncheon which included sixteen (16) people on three (3) boats. The luncheons are a popular social event.

Socials were part of all general meetings. In January, there was the annual wine and cheese tasting contest. Seventy-five (75) people enjoyed fourteen (14) bottles of wine. There were winners for the most popular white wine and red wine. The speaker for the evening was Leif Lustig, Dockmaster of the City of Ft. Myers Yacht Basin Marina, who gave an interesting talk about the marina and the surrounding area. He invited all for a free day docking. He also noted that anyone can bring waste petroleum products to the marina for free disposal and recycling.

At the February general meeting there was a chili-cook-off and the program was "Dry T-shirt Salty Sea Stories" by some of the CCSC members.

There were three (3) social events in March. First, thirty-seven (37) people attended the annual Bocce Tournament and Bar-B-Q at Veterans Park. Second, Ginny and Joe Holland invited the sailing club to go to the Cape Coral Social Club's March dinner dance at the Yacht Club. And, third, there was a nautical flea market and hors d'oeuvres at the general meeting. The speaker at the March meeting was from the Special Governor's Task Force on "fraud against the elderly". He told about different scams and handed out informational booklets.

In April, forty (40) members attended the Snowbird Farewell potluck dinner and general meeting. In May our summer residents enjoyed eleven (11) different ethnic hors d'oeuvres at the meeting. An ice cream social was enjoyed at the June meeting. July's meeting consisted of a short meeting and then socializing.

In August, there was a bit more activities. Early in the month twenty-two (22) members went on a Rum Tour and Tasting at the Cape Coral Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery. After the tour, the group went to Bubba's Restaurant on Pine Island Rd., which included a Wicked Dolphin rum drink. At the August general meeting, twenty two (22) members and guests enjoyed Summer Coolers. There were many delicious drinks. Carla Lewins presented an emergency first aid demonstration at the meeting.

By September, some of our Snowbirds were coming back to town to enjoy the Chocolate Extravaganza. Gerri Kahn's chocolate covered bacon won the prize. The official welcome back to our northern members was at the October meeting with hors d'oeuvres before the meeting. In November there was a Fall Feast Potluck before Thanksgiving which was the last CCSC general meeting of the year.

The final social event for the year was the Change-of-Watch dinner dance in December. At this affair, Jack D'Agostino was honored with the title "CRUISER OF THE YEAR". Earlier this year Jack was honored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for fifty (50) years of service. Cecil Gayler, who will be 100 years old in 2016, was bestowed with the title of "HONORARY COMMODORE" by the club. Cecil has been in the CCSC since the start of the club, joining a month after the original meeting. The club was formed mainly for racing. Cecil and his wife, Lydia, started the cruising in the club.

Also, at the Change-of-Watch, Tim Stier was given a special award for his three (3) years of exceptional service as Treasurer. Also, Vern Rogers was named the "Official Club Barista."

The CCSC closed their chandlery in January. They had a big sale at the January meeting to clear out inventory. From this date, Advanced Quality Embroidery (AQE) on Del Prado Blvd, Cape Coral, will be doing the embroidering of the CCSC logo on items you choose, ie, shirts, jackets, hats, towels, etc.

For more information, visit the Cape Coral Museum.
Ginny Holland