

2016

COMMODORE:	Will Sirois
VICE COMMODORE:	Bruce Maillet
REAR COMMODORE:	Jim Blandino
CRUISING FLEET CAPTAIN;	Ron Kunkel
SECRETARY:	Betty Anderson
TREASURER:	Tim Stier
DAY FLEET CAPTAIN:	Joan Meyer

Time sure flies by when you are having fun. 2016 was filled with lots of fun activities. Eating seems to be an important part of all our social activities, which included twelve (12) cruises this past year, twelve (12) luncheons, and three (3) extra social events, besides the general meeting activities.

There were twelve (12) cruises which included four (4) raft-ups in Glover's Bight, and one (1) in Bimini Basin. New Years Eve in Glover's Bight had three (3) boats at Happy Hour and the New Years Day raft-up had five (5) boats rafted and one (1) dinghy, which totaled twenty four (24) people. A second cruise in January was to the Franklin Locks, named the Icicle Cruise. This cruise started with a SW Cape Coral tornado, which although effected many homes, did not effect our boaters. The day we were to go home there was heavy rains and tornado warnings again for Cape Coral and Ft. Myers. Two (2) boats left the day before and the remaining three (3) boats stayed at Franklin Locks an extra day.

The February cruise to Palm Island was postponed until March because the Boca Grande bridge was being replaced with a new bridge. But there was a raft-up in Bimini Basin in February, which included twenty six (26) people. Eight (8) boats participated in the March "Go Fly- A - Kite" cruise to Palm Island. Also, in March, six (6) boats went on the Tween Waters cruise.

In April, there were two (2) cruises. One cruise was to downtown Ft. Myers Municipal Marina with six (6) boats, and the other cruise was south to Marathon and the Florida Keys.

It was starting to get hot by June, so cruising slowed down for the summer. There was a raft-up in June in Glover's Bight in connection with the CCSC Anniversary luncheon. Also, on July 4th, three (3) boats rafted-up in Glover's Bight. Air conditioning seemed to be a prerequisite for staying long at anchor on that cruise.

In October, five (5) boats took mooring balls at Ft. Myers Beach, and one (1) boat stayed at another place, unknown to many, in Ft. Myers Beach. In November there was a raft-up in Glover's Bight in connection with the "Salute-to-the-Commodore" luncheon. Eight (8) boats cruised past the Commodore in a parade, thanking and saluting his job well done. Our last

cruise of the year was over Thanksgiving to South Seas Plantation with seven (7) boats celebrating the holiday.

There were twelve (12) CCSC luncheons in 2016, going to Ft. Myers, North Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Beach, and Cape Coral. The largest number of members attended the "Salute-to-the-Commodore luncheon in November at Rumrunners. Fifty (50) people attended. The second largest attendance, forty-one (41), was to the French Connection in downtown Ft. Myers in April. An average of 20-40 people attended the different luncheons, coming by boat or car.

Social events were included at all general meetings. In January, the 7th annual wine and cheese tasting event was enjoyed by thirty-nine (39) people. In addition, John Hein, from the Environmental Coalition, gave a power point presentation informing everyone of the SW Florida clean water initiatives.

In February, after the "Chili Cook-off", forty three (43) members and eleven (11) guests, enjoyed a slide show presentation by Will Sirois, of his and Sandy's 5,500 nm delivery if a 90' trawler yacht, "TIVOLI", from British Columbia to Antigua. Their involvement was part of a 6-man crew.

In March there was a Hobby Show and Tell before the general meeting, along with hors d'oeuvres. Forty-six (46) members enjoyed a "Snowbird Farewell Potluck Dinner" in April. In May, the theme was ethnic hors d'oeuvres, and in June, there was an ice cream social with a game, answering questions about ice cream. In July, twenty-eight (28) members enjoyed margaritas and nachos, and in August, twenty-five (25) people consumed pizza and participated in a CCSC trivia contest made up of the history of the sailing club. In addition, a cake was presented to Cecil Gaylor, who was celebrating his 100th birthday. Twenty-five (25) people enjoyed the fabulous Chocolate Extravaganza at the September general meeting. In October, forty-four (44) people were present for the "Welcome Back Hors d'oeuvres". There was the usual Fall Feast Pot Luck in November, with forty-nine (49) attendees.

In addition to the general meeting socials, there were two (2) dinner dances in February and March that members were invited to, held by the Cape Coral Social Club. The final social event of the year was the Change-of-Watch dinner dance at the Yacht Club in December.

New CCSC brochures were made this year, and distributed around town.

Changes in membership dues was voted on and approved in April, increasing membership dues from \$60.00 to \$80.00 per family. Single membership will remain at \$60.00. This was the first increase in 10 years. The one-time initiation fee is still \$30.00, to cover the cost of the Welcome Package.

Special recognition was given at the Change-of-Watch for contributions above and beyond the norm to:

Fred Hecklau, Tim Stier, Gerri Kahn, Arnold Small

Certificates of Appreciation for Outstanding Performance went to:

- Mary Weeks – as acting Day Fleet Captain

- Martha Poindexter – as 2015 and 2016 Mainsheet Editor
- Joe Holland – as valued Advisor and Summer Commodore

Cape Coral Sailing Club's Member-of-the-year award went to RON KUNKEL for his endless support and his major role in insuring the continuance of the Club.