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(Almost) Circle Raft-Up

- Max Goldstein, Treasurer

The Gulfstream Circle Raft-up was held on March 5, 2011 in Lake Boca and while we couldn't make a full circle, we did do the usual boat-hopping with proclamations and food-sharing from the dinghies at the end. Was my first and can't wait for the next one. Thanks to John and Beverly Schaefer for picking me up at the Palmetto Park Road dock and having me aboard *Permanent Vacation* so I could enjoy the day.











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Happy Birthday March and April Mates!

Pam Angel - 03/01

Stan Dekiel - 03/01

Andrea Myers-Malow - 03/04

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Ben Nahabedian - 03/09

Renee Wylie - 03/09

Jim Price - 03/09

Sheila O'Neill - 03/10

Vincent Giudice – 03/12

Nancy Langsdale – 03/12

Jeannie Burke – 03/13

Carol Anne Call - 03/13

Roger Tavenner - 03/15

Deborah Burns - 03/16

Maureen Fuller - 03/18

Joe Stuart - 03/20

Elda Villalobos – 03/22

John-Henry Falk - 03/26

Michael McCarthy - 03/27

Thomas Crawford – 03/29

Nick Orosan - 04/03

Siri Pilitsis- 04/06

Britt Anderson – 04/09

Norm Schreiber – 04/12

Mike Sawzak - 04/21

Susan Simonton - 04/22

Calendar of events (all subject to change):

April 3 Jazz Brunch April 30 "Dress Like a Captain" Party @ Bob Mifsud's home May 1 Jazz Brunch May 7 _____Spring SOS at Pirate Republic May 15 Sail and Raft up (as part of the previous week SOS) May 21 _____Italian Cookoff @ Bob Mifsud's home June 11 "Gemini Birthdays" Party at Marie Alcazar's home June 18-19 "International Raft Up (with Hillsboro and

Gulfstream) at Lake Boca June 1 – August/26 Bank of America Starlight Musical Concerts at Holiday Park

If anyone has pictures of the Valentine's Day sail, please send them to me (Max) and Cynthia Hollen at our club email addresses. Thanks!!

Check out our new line of SSSF products!

Our Webmaster Cynthia Hollen has set up an on-line store for our product line, where you can purchase various items with our SSSF logo. Please visit: http://www.cafepress.com/sailingsingles to see what's for sale (and we do get a small percentage of all purchases).

Superbowl Party

Super Bowl XLV was between the AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers and the NFC champion Green Bay Packers to decide the NFL champion for the 2010 season. The game was held at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas on February 6, 2011. The Packers defeated the Steelers 31–25.

But the REAL party was at the home of James Buckmaster, who invited the club to view the 2011 Superbowl at his place. Many thanks for your hospitality, James.











April Fool's Day Party - (April 2)

- Marie Alcazar, Social Director

Hello All!

In case you did not have the opportunity to join us at the really fun Surprise Party this past Saturday, the actual surprise was on all of us!

Congratulations are in order to the following members: Carol Saler and Steven are engaged! AND Debi Hallmark and Stan Dekiel are also engaged! AND Cynthia Hollen and Shab got married!! That's quite a lot of news for one weekend...! Please join the Board in wishing them all much happiness from the SSSF!

And thanks to Charles for letting us use his condo.









April Fool's Day Party (Continued)

!!! Auction !!!

We are going to have a silent auction after our general meeting on May 6, 2011. Please bring any new or gently-used items that we can sell to raise money for the club.

Upcoming Events

What: Dress Like a Captain Party When: April 30, 2011 at 6:30. Where: Bob Mifsud's home

Our next "land" event will be held on **Saturday, April 30th** at **Bob Mifsud's home** at **6:30pm**. He has, as usual, generously opened his home to us for this party. There will be a theme and it is "*Dress Like A Captain*". This means that you should select any "Captain" in history, (real/fictional, male/female) and dress like him or her. This should be lots of fun so start thinking of what you'll wear!! Everyone should bring a dish to share as well as your drink of preference.

Bob has a lovely swimming pool and jacuzzi available, so if desired, please bring your bathing suit and towel. Great music will be provided by Rich!

** There will be a \$5.00 charge for guests. ** Bob's address is: 2780 NE 16th Street, Pompano Beach, 33062.

Please RSVP to <u>socialdirsssf@sailingsingles.org</u> or call (954) 232-2690, as it would help to have an idea of how many will attend.

Additional information to follow as needed. Hope to see you there!

Spring SOS - May 7

SOS Sail and Raft-up - May 15

This year's first SOS will be at the Pirate Republic (formerly Shirttail Charlie's). Details to be announced.

Italian Cook-off

What: Italian Cookoff

When: May 21, 2011 at 6:30. Where: Bob Mifsud's home

2011 Boatathalon

This year's **Boatathalon** has been set for **Saturday**, **Sept. 17**, **2011**. The date will be approaching faster than we expect and Debi Hallmark has requested volunteers to assist with this event.

Please contact Debi at sailordebi@bellsouth.net if you are able to help. As the date gets closer, there will be more information provided to all of us.

2011 Holiday Party

Ahoy Mates! Well, if you've been waiting in anticipation of where our holiday party is....

After much work and lots of help from some members, we have finally found the perfect place for our **2011 Holiday Party!** This year we will be cruising along the Intercoastal for several hours dining on a delicious buffet dinner and dancing to Rich's music aboard **Anticipation IV**.

A Cash Bar will be available. This lovely event will be Black Tie Optional.

Cost for members will be \$50.00 and for guests, \$60.00. This reflects only a \$10 upgrade from last year's Downtowner charge and should offer us a wonderful preface into the Holiday Season.

Tickets will be available starting at the next Business Meeting, May 5th. Each ticket will be numbered and will correspond directly to the person who purchased it. Please make sure that you put this ticket in a place where it can be readily accessed, as you will have to present it that evening in order to board. (NO Exceptions to this, please!)

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. We are printing 100 tickets, so please don't wait until the last minute to purchase yours as they may be gone, and you will not want to miss out on this wonderful evening!!

Details about parking and other information regarding this Holiday Party will be provided later.

Hope to see you all there!

Upcoming Events (Continued)

2011 Hospice Regatta

This information was forwarded by Pat Nannery regarding Hospice by the Sea Regatta:

The 2011 Hospice by the Sea Regatta is scheduled for May 14, 2011. You may notice that the name is slightly different from years past. Hospice by the Sea stepped into the void left by the sudden postponement of the very popular "Hospice Regatta," and along with the combined efforts of volunteers from Gulfstream Sailing Club, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, and Lauderdale Yacht Club (LYC), have organized the Hospice by the Sea Regatta, to ensure that the event continues.

This fun race promises to be a great time as always. So don't miss out on this event and sign-up! Remember, this race is both fun for racers and cruisers alike as the start is a single file starting with the boat with the highest rating (slower) to the last to cross with the lowest rating (fastest boat), So check out the sign-up sheets below to get all the details on how to join in the fun!

The racing format will be the same as in years past. The race will be a pursuit race on the same course as in prior years, ensuring a great day on the water for competitive and recreational sailors alike. The social events will be a bit different this year. The skippers meeting will take place, once again, at the outdoor pavilion at LYC on Friday, May 13. A cash bar will be open. After the race, there will be a party in the Maxwell Room of the Downtowner Saloon. Again, there will be a cash bar, and food will be available. (Dinner details are being finalized.)

The beneficiary, Hospice by the Sea, a hospice since 1981, serves all of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Their excitement and enthusiasm about this event will more than offset any hurt feelings over the postponement of the Hospice Regatta. HBTS took the ball and ran with it right away, getting artwork done, organizing T-Shirts and making sure that we have post-race food, despite what started as a non-existent budget. To date, none of the organizing clubs has needed to budget anything for the event. Despite this, regatta fees have been greatly reduced. Members of Hospice by the Sea will join us for the next General Meeting, to meet us and discuss their hopes for the Hospice by the Sea Regatta.

The Notice of Race and Entry Form are available online at http://www.phrfsef.com/. The regatta artwork is also available on that page.

I cannot stress this enough: this is the year for all of our members to show up for Hospice. This is the transition year, to the "new" event. With a good turnout this year, the Hospice by the Sea Regatta will be well on its way to a terrific future of providing fun for sailors and raising money for a great cause. Let's make it a success!

Regards, Lee Williams, *Vice Commodore, GSC*

"June 18th - 19th, Lake Boca - the 1st Annual International Circle Raft Up is on!! -Mary Kay McHenry

We are putting together the flier with all the details of the event. Please try to promote it within the Sailing Singles Captain's. Gulfstream is already on board and it should be a great event.

We will send the flier upon completion and you can get it distributed to SSSF membership.

This is an overnight event, that's why I suggested that the SSSF Captain's who don't want overnight guests, to dinghy pool to the Palmetto Park boat ramp to pick up and drop off guests for the day so more people can participate.

This is an opportunity for your captains' to offer to bring SSSF members on their boats for the day for the events.

Auction (needs mentioning again)

We are having an auction at the May general meeting. Please bring any new (or gently-used) items (doesn't have to be nautical or alcohol, but it helps) for this event.

Volunteers

We know we ask a lot for volunteers and we ask a lot of them. They don't get much recognition during the year, just applause and a gift at the Change of Command. But we do want them to know they are appreciated for all the hard work they do. The organizing and setting up and cleaning up don't just happen; it takes LOTs of work to keep things running smoothly.

Superbowl Party Debi Hallmark Mary Kay McHenry Russ Jones Beverly D'Amico Leslie Rambin	Richard Middleton Ellen Kirby Rich Hustins Marie Alcazar Jim Buckmaster Cathy Wilkinson	Valentine's Day Party Set-up Arlene Bothwell Marie Alcazar Rich Hustins Lilian Bracht Carol Rappaport	Don Sanders Jane Anderson Clean-up Bill Roberts Terry Patterson Patricia Somers Miriam Connell
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If you volunteer for an event (or want to volunteer), please let Marie Alcazar know. Thanks again to all who pitch in.

The Pink Book

The Pink Book Committee has revised portions of the Pink Book which were due to be voted on at the April General Meeting. According to our rules, any changes have to be mailed to the membership 10 days in advance of the vote. There were concerns at the April General Meeting that according to our Articles of Incorporation, we were not following Robert's Rules of Order in approving these changes.

This is an excerpt from Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roberts_rules_of_order:

Application to specific organizations

In those cases in which the bylaws or other governing documents of an organization refer to "Robert's Rules of Order," the book is merely a default source of authority and is subordinate to other rules. For example, a nonprofit corporation is governed (in descending order of priority) by state law, the articles of incorporation, the bylaws, and resolutions of the board of directors. Only when those sources fail to provide the answer is it appropriate to refer to "Robert's Rules of Order".

Therefore, the changes to the By-Laws will be voted on at the SSSF May General meeting and the Pink Book will be published soon thereafter.

Spinnaker Sponsors

There are now 4 levels of donation: Platinum: \$100.00, Gold: \$50.00, Silver: \$35.00, Bronze: \$20.00. If you see your donation is up for renewal, please rejoin (and upgrade if you can).



Platinum – \$100.00





Ethel Facundo - April, 2010

Ken Bloemker – October, 2010

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Bob Horin – January, 2011

Silver - \$35.00

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