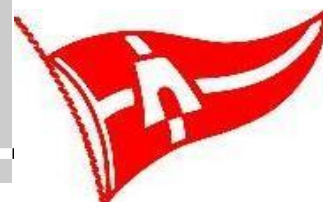


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## SCYC WELCOMES NEW MANAGER!



Matthew Tove (Matt) hails from Annapolis, Maryland where he has raced and cruised on the Chesapeake Bay since the mid -1980's. A former financial sales executive, Matt also has a background as a corporate sales trainer, with experience in graphic & multimedia design.

In addition to his twenty-five years sailing the Chesapeake, Matt has participated in yacht deliveries from Maine, Bermuda and the Virgin Islands. He has been a serial bare-boater in the Grenadines as well as the British Virgin Islands. He has owned an Olson 911SE, a Baja 28 Sportfish, and a J-46. Matt holds a USCG 50-ton Inland Masters License (with sail endorsement) along with a Near Coastal OUPV.

When asked about moving to St. Croix, Matt's response was: *"I am thrilled to be trading the sterile, corporate environment I have known these past several decades for the wonderful beach-front facility and friendly club atmosphere that defines the St. Croix Yacht Club."*

The Hospice Regatta holds a special place in Matt's heart. Matt saw first-hand the critical role that Hospice staff played in the process of providing palliative care to his Mother when she succumbed to lung cancer several years ago. Since then, Matt's former boat proudly served as the Race Committee vessel for the

Annapolis Hospice Regatta since 2005. *"When I learned that SCYC hosted a Hospice Regatta upon moving to St. Croix in January 2011, I knew that I wanted to contribute to this noble event. Now, as a part of SCYC's management, I hope to bring some added bench strength to this signature charity event on St. Croix."*

## POSH CATERING



**Port Out  
Starboard Home**

Kate Diaz and the rest of the Posh Catering staff would like to thank the membership for their patronage and support during the summer months. Special thanks to the Summer Sailing parents and their patronage.

**The following will be the Galley schedule for the month of SEPTEMBER 2011.**

**Monday** - Club Closed

**Tuesday** - Club Closed

**Wednesday** - Galley Closed

**No Wednesday Night Dinner all month**

**Thursday** - Galley Closed

**Friday** - Galley Closed for Lunch -

**OPEN** for Happy Hour

**Saturday** - Galley Open

**Sunday** - Galley Open

## 2011 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Commodore .....	William Dunne	Director .....	Richard Hunter
Vice Commodore .....	Juliet San Martin	Director .....	Peter Stanton
Rear Commodore .....	Bruce Milliken	Director .....	Carol Stewart
Fleet Captain .....	James Kloss	Director .....	Ron DeCosmo
Secretary .....	Valerie Watterson	Director .....	Clayton Kohl
Treasurer .....	Linda Ribble	Director .....	Megan Littlefield

## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE:

“The Club is formed for the express purpose of promoting interest and activity in the ownership, racing and cruising of yachts and small boats...and of extending to visiting yachtsmen the hospitality of St. Croix.”

(1952 St. Croix Yacht Club Articles of Incorporation)

The St. Croix Yacht Club is, and always has been, an active boating club. Volunteers are the backbone of the Club, performing much of the work around the property. This enables us to keep our member's dues at an extremely affordable level, as well as binding our members to our club, because it is their club.

Another example of the hard work performed by our volunteers was the tropical storm Irene preparation and clean up on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. The standard warning websites failed to give much notice that a weather event was about to occur. The Race to Town and back was held on Saturday, with Club staff involved. By early Sunday morning, it was clear we would receive bad weather. Starting just after dawn, members started hauling boats and when their boat was secured, they helped with the next haul. By mid-afternoon, Irene was coming in, with appropriate preparation due to the work of staff and volunteers. On Monday morning, volunteers were back to check their boats and muck out the clubhouse. Fortunately, damage seems to be limited to the loss of 4 trees, 1 boat on the reef, and the banging around of boats ashore! Thank you Yacht Club volunteers!!!

### September

- Sunday, 9/4 – East End Marine Park Stand Up Paddleboard Race
- Friday, 9/16 – Happy Hour Hurricane Bash & dancing
- Saturday, 9/17 – Bingo and spaghetti dinner

### October

- Saturday, 10/8 – Sock Hop with Bernie the attorney
- Friday, 10/28 – Adults Happy Hour Halloween party
- Sunday, 10/30 – Kids Halloween party

### November

- Saturday, 11/12 – Trivial Pursuit and Tacos
- Thursday, 11/24 – Thanksgiving Dinner (mid-day)

### December

- Sunday, 12/4 – Holiday Decorating Social @ 1PM
- Sunday, 12/18 – Santa Arrives
- Wednesday, 12/21 – Holiday Dinner



The Friends of the St. Croix East End Marine Park are excited to announce the **1st Annual Stand Up Paddle Board Race for the St. Croix East End Marine Park**. The event is taking place on Sunday, September 4th, 2011 at the St. Croix Yacht Club. All proceeds from the event will be put directly towards achieving the mission of the St. Croix East End Marine Park. Stand Up Paddle Boarding, commonly known as SUP is an easy and fast growing sport

worldwide. With a growing USVI community of SUP-ers and the sports' low impact, this is an ideal event to introduce to St. Croix. Join us for a fun filled day.

**8:00 am-9:15 am** - racers check in, day of registration and swag bag distribution

**9:30 am** - Elite race

**11:00 am** - Open race

**1:00 pm** - Kids fun race

Live music, lunch, award ceremony and raffle prizes to follow after the races.

Visit [www.friendsofstxeemp.org](http://www.friendsofstxeemp.org) or contact Marija Micuda at 718-3367 for more information.

## Useful Weather Watch Sites

<http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=00820&wuSelect=WEATHER>

connects you to weather underground with links to radar and National Hurricane Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

a direct link to the National Hurricane Center forecast map

<http://www.meteo.fr/temps/domtom/antilles/pack-public/animation/animMOSAIC2.html>

a radar site out of the French Antilles; overlaps with radar from San Juan

<http://www.insmet.cu/asp/genesis.asp?TB0=PLANTILLAS&TB1=RADAR&TB2=../Radar/NacComp200Km.gif>

a Cuban radar site; although our weather doesn't usually come from there.

<http://ecoforecast.coral.noaa.gov/index/0/SRV12/station-data>

hourly wind speed and direction information from the NOAA sensors at Salt River

<http://www.sailflow.com/?newHomeRegionID=132>

hourly wind speed and direction and predictions at the airport



Club Office and Galley are closed and you need a **band aid?**

No Problem.

A first Aid kit has been installed next to the **AED**, outside the east kitchen door via the ship store.

## From the Rear Commodore :

I would like to ask members to remember our caterer when considering a day out for lunch. Our Club has one of the best views on St. Croix with the added pleasure of ease of parking. We tend to forget that our caterer and her staff depend greatly on the membership for their patronage and income. When thinking of a night out, how about planning it on a Wednesday. Where can one get an appetizer, entree with sides plus desert and a cup of coffee for \$30.00. As members, we do have a choice, so please remember the Club. It is truly a wonderful place to eat and relax.

On another note, since we have a new Manager I feel it is important to refresh ourselves on some guidelines. This Helpful Guideline is given to all new applicants to help them get acclimated to the Club, so I hope this will help to smooth things out with this new transition period.

In closing please bring a friend to the Club. They just might find it as exciting as you do.

Bruce Milliken,

Rear Commodore

## HELPFUL GUIDELINES FOR NEW APPLICANTS



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SCYC website		www.stcroixyc.com

**The Clubhouse** is normally open Wednesday through Sunday 9 to 5. Business office is normally open Monday through Friday 9 to 5. Club is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

**Bar & Galley** luncheon is served from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Wednesday Night Dinner, cocktails start at 6:30 pm, dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Reservations are required by 12 noon on Tuesday, cancellations by noon Wednesday. Watch out for Friday Night Happy Hour which starts at 5:00 pm and the Bar and Galley stays open until.

Food and Beverages must be paid for by obtaining **Club Chits** which can be purchased at the Bar.

### **Ship store:**

Open Wed- 6-7pm; Fri- 6-7:30 pm; Sun- 11:45-1:30 pm. We accept AMEX (minimum charge of \$20.00), Cash, and Personal Checks.

**Ladies restroom** is located in hallway just west of the Bar and **Gentlemen's restroom** is next to the Business Office. These are not to be used for loose storage of sails, gear clothing or personal articles.

Ladies and gentlemen must wear **Cover-ups** while using the facilities of the Clubhouse.

Young children are welcomed but must be supervised. **Swimming** is allowed along the beach front just east and west of the main dock and is at one's own risk. Lifeguard not on duty. Please be mindful of boats and dinghies coming and going.

If bringing **Guests** to the Club, one must have them sign in at the Guest Register book located on the podium by the front entrance. Guests are only allowed to visit the Club a maximum of 6 times in a given year. Members must accompany all guests and must obtain chits.

**Club social activities** are normally posted on the bulletin board by the front entrance and on the columns over the bar. Three other boards are located just west of the Bar. Official Board used by Flag Officers, Directors, Manager and Chairman of the House Committee. Race Committee Board where results and upcoming races and sailing events will be posted. A Members Board for use in buying, selling or swapping of goods.

### DOCK, BOAT STORAGE, LAUNCHINGS, & MOORINGS

Diving off, jumping off, running, cleaning of or fishing off the Dock is prohibited.

**Weekend tie-ups** should be respectful of other members. Tie-ups should be approximately 1 hour on Saturdays and ½ hour on Sundays at the end of the dock only. No overnight tie-ups are allowed without first checking with Manager or Waterfront Coordinator.

**Dock Slips** are assigned by Waterfront Coordinator and fees are determined by length. **Dock lines** shall not have less than "double" bow and stern lines (port & starboard). Spring lines (port & starboard) plus adequate fenders between boats please. **Water** is provided at the dock but please conserve as this also supplies the Club. Should you have a need to fill your tanks, water is 25 cents per gallon on the honor system.

**Electrical** stations are provided and appropriate connections should be used. Un-grounded cords are prohibited and will be disconnected. Two **Dinghy Docks** are available for usage. Check with Waterfront Coordinator for availability and sticker placement. There is a charge and non sticker dinghies will be removed. No dinghies shall be tied up alongside or behind vessels in slips or in any empty slips.

**Boat and Trailer Storage** is available and is assigned a space by the Manager or Waterfront Coordinator prior to storage. Please visit the office to fill out your Dry Storage Agreement and receive and assigned number. Any trailer without an agreement on file and an assigned number will be locked and booted. Please check with the Manager or Waterfront Coordinator for designated work areas prior to working on your boat.

**Launching** of boats is conducted east of the Clubhouse. Since this is only a natural beach access ramp; **size, weight, draft and weather** play a significant role in a successful launch or haul out. Please check with the Manager or Waterfront Coordinator beforehand. Walk through discussions must be conducted and approval given before access to the area is allowed.

In setting up a **privately owned mooring** in Teague Bay, the use of a sand screw has proven to be the best method with the least amount of environmental impact of securing ones boat to the bottom. Please consult with the Manager or Waterfront Coordinator as they can help with DPNR questions. They may know of available moorings, help in the positioning of and possibly have contacts to help in the installation.

## FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN: WHY GO RACING?

It's the summer season and many boats have been hauled or moved to more protected locations, but I have to admit to being a little discouraged about the low turnout for our last few "big boat" events. When we conducted a member satisfaction survey last spring "keelboat racing" had the lowest satisfaction of any of the 12 aspects of Club operations that we surveyed, and as Fleet Captain, I haven't done anything to address that YET.

I can't do anything about the weather, but it seems to me that there are maybe six or maybe a few more reasons why people don't race that the Club's racing program CAN address.

Perhaps we're offering the wrong kind of events. Not everyone likes to spend their afternoon going up and down mile-long windward – leeward courses. Or maybe we need more practice doing just that? Maybe we need to race to Buck Island? Maybe we need more events inside Teague Bay? Or outside Teague Bay? Most events have been on Sundays or holidays; maybe that should change? We need to hear from you, either by email, at the Bar on a Friday night, or at a special meeting to be called after the snowbirds return.

Perhaps skippers are discouraged because they don't have a "hot" boat and feel they have no chance of "winning". We have very few true racing boats in the Club but better, more experienced sailors do win more races. Maybe we need to get some of those sailors to crew with more novice racers? For anything other than our annual regatta we can adjust handicaps locally (although that opens a big can of worms).

Maybe there's a shortage of crew. I know sometimes I can't find anyone to go sailing with me. But we have new members who would like to learn how to sail, older members who no longer have boats and even a few "stinkpotters" who could be persuaded to board a "slowboat". Should we set up a crew exchange board, at the Club or maybe on-line?

Some people find the rules, the starts, and the close proximity of boats intimidating. Well, yes. You need to know how to handle your boat to go racing – but racing also teaches you HOW to handle your boat well. We've offered seminars on the rules and tactics, and we can offer more of those.

Poor organization and poor race committee work can spoil an event. Without sounding too defensive, I'm very proud of how a small number of volunteers and Club staff pull together to bring events off. Race Committees need practice too and get just as discouraged as sailors when events are canceled.

Maybe it's just not FUN. All I can say is that every time on my boat, on the water, it is FUN, and racing can provide us all with more opportunities to do that. As my son said after the last regatta, "I don't ever want to race when it's not fun!"

So please think about getting more involved in our upcoming events, and share your thoughts and ideas with me at [jdkboats45@yahoo.com](mailto:jdkboats45@yahoo.com), with our Race Committee chairperson, Peter Stanton at [stantopm19@yahoo.com](mailto:stantopm19@yahoo.com).

Jim Kloss, Fleet Captain

### UPCOMING RACING EVENTS

September 11, 2011- Fall One Design Race Series Begins

September 17, 2011 - Hugo Memorial Race

November 6, 2011 - Rhodes 19 Series Begins



## FROM THE OUTGOING CLUB MANAGER:

### A Big Welcome to Our NEW Club Manager

Members, please help me in welcoming Matt Tove to our Yacht Club Family! Matt comes to us by way of Annapolis with lots of management and boating experience.

Thank you to all who participated in any way in getting ready or cleaning up from tropical storm Irene. Special thanks to Beecher Higby, Jim Kloss, Kurt, Kent & Diane Buska, Bruce Milliken and volunteers, Catherine Wiley, Kate Diaz, Moose and Rocky. Congratulations to the quiet but strong willed members who use their positive energy to dissipate and send the storms away!

### Summer Camp Congratulations

This year was a great success for the junior sailors at SCYC. We saw close to 120 kids in attendance during the 11 weeks of camp. The weather was beautiful all summer and it gave the younger sailors a great opportunity to spend the most amount of time out on the water learning to maneuver their small 8' Optimist Pram Dinghies, Sunfish R-19 and 420's. For those junior sailors who returned to camp from previous years, we saw them grow as individuals and become strong role models for the younger ones. Summer Sailing is a great time to meet new friends and to get out on the water and enjoy the spectacular marine environment we all live in. Congratulations to all the junior sailors who completed one or more classes this summer and we hope to see all of you out on the water again soon!

Summer Club maintenance and cleaning is ongoing. If you have some free time and want to help me spruce up for season, come on down and join the fun.

Kiomie Pedrini, Past Club Manager

## SCYC STORM PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Upon instructions from the Commodore, or the Commodore's designee, the following steps are to be taken, in the order shown:

### Phase 1

Manager begins attempting to notify all dock tenants of the requirement to remove their vessels from the dock, as *specified in the lease agreement*.

Manager notifies dock removal team and schedules work to commence.

Check generator fuel level and order fuel, if needed.

Commence launch service to aid boat owners in preparation of hurricane moorings.

Remove gin pole from tee dock.

Remove, deflate, and store Bongo in racing locker.

### Phase II

All vessels and their gear (hoses, extension cords, etc.) to be clear of main dock.

Dock removal team begins work; dock planking to be completely removed.

Manager notifies, if possible, all owners of moored vessels of impending weather conditions and recommends precautionary measures. Manager also notifies, if possible, sunfish, beach cat, and other small boat owners that they may elect to remove their boats

### Phase III

Reduce galley and bar to emergency service only.

Remove or secure all loose items stored on Club Grounds

Lower gaff from main flagpole.

### Phase IV

Commence removal, all unattended vessels remaining on docks to anchorage in west portion of Teague Bay.

Move all inside items to highest possible shelves.

Secure all club owned boats; tie to racks, move inside clubhouse, or stack and secure to north of clubhouse.

### Phase V

Remove all furniture from clubhouse, stack and secure.

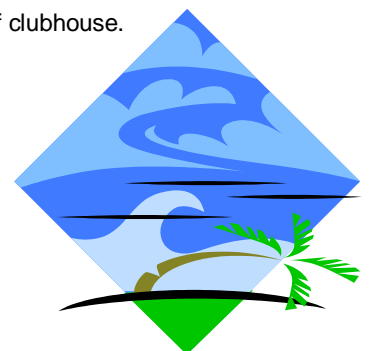
Check generator, protect electrics, and disconnect battery.

### Phase VI

Discontinue all club services – water, electricity, & gas

Disconnect cistern leaders.

Lock all buildings, Evacuate premises.



# From the Waterfront Coordinator :

## Summer Sailing Wrap-Up

*Beach sand, perfect tans. Day walks, night talks. Sleepless nights, pillow fights. & spending every day with those who matter most. "Unknown"*

As said so many times, in so many ways, it is always difficult to say goodbye to summer and welcome in the autumn breeze. For the SCYC Summer Sailing Program, things are no different. After a successful 11 WEEK PROGRAM, and over 120 participants throughout the summer months, the SCYC staff had to bid farewell to bailer fights, pirates, and clever sailors, and welcome in the school year. The 2011 summer staff was built of graduates and current participants of the SCYC Sailing program. Drawing from the information shared with them by mentors in the past, this years staff trained sailors age 5-18 and achieved a record breaking 20% increase in participation. Congratulations to this staff who became known as the "Hero support" for the Hero's (sailors) who changed and carried our summer program to new heights. If you see them through the months please congratulate them on such a wonderful job!

"It was surprising to look up and see you [SCYC town and back participants] pulling in, especially because we are so used to hearing boats, before seeing them. "Said Carlo Pedrini, Brew Pub Manager, when describing the SCYC sailboats arriving in Christiansted harbor.

The vessels had quite an impact as they arrived silently to finish the first half of the race on Saturday, August 20th. This summer the race included 3 Rhodes 19, 3 big boats, and 5 420's. Sailing vessel Barbaric Yawp (skipped by Taylor Babb), Delphine (skipped by Vincenzo Ambrossi), Ambivalence (skipped by Jim Kloss), enjoyed both the downwind and upwind legs of this race. The Steven's College Sailing Team along with many High School aged sailors from Frederiksted Community Boating and St. Croix Yacht Club, made for a competitive group of sailors within the 420 fleet. The sailors kept things interesting through to the end, with a photo finish between first and second place. Skipper Jae Tonachel & crew Kent Buska (1st overall) and skipper Challis Diaz and crew Dylan Marohn (2nd overall), volleyed for the perfect finish. Representing session 3's Sail Adventure group, junior sailors Andreas Moorman, Robert Hunter, Ryan Hunter, and Lake Sanford sailed yellowbird in the Rhodes 19 fleet giving Rhodes 19 veterans Beacher Higby and Carl Beckstedt, a run for their money.

Overall it was a successful and fun Town and Back race for participants and on-lookers alike!



## St. Croix Yacht Club Sailing Team

The St. Croix Yacht Club Sailing Team is on Facebook!

Stay up to date on up-coming events and follow the team through practices and events through photo's and video's! Check us out at



<http://www.facebook.com/SCYCSailingTeam>

## SCYC Hosts 2011 Cruzan Open One Design Regatta

The annual 2011 Cruzan Open One Design Regatta (CROOD) took place the weekend of July 23-24, on the waters of Teague Bay, hosted by the St. Croix Yacht Club. The regatta, now in its ninth year, saw upwards of forty sailors take to the water in Optimist Prams, Lasers, Sunfish and 420's.

The racing got off to a whirlwind start on Saturday, July 23. Winds blew a steady 18 to 20 knots gusting higher at times. After a few delays and an early lunch, the racers headed out again. This time the weather cooperated, providing puffy, shifty winds to challenge the sailors. Four or five races were completed in each class before another heavy squall provided some more excitement and ended the day's racing. On Sunday, Optimist PRO Jim Kloss had no sooner anchored on station when a squall line threatened, forcing the racers back to shore. Having gone through this drill multiple times throughout the weekend, sailors quickly returned to the start line to complete an afternoon of races.

In the Optimist Championship Fleet Ryan Hunter, representing the St. Croix Yacht Club, found the conditions to his liking and fighting hard to keep his optimist upright, ended the weekend in first place. Mollee Donovan representing the BVI, was close behind in second place, followed by Rayne Duff, representing the BVI, in a solid third. Recognizing that she belonged in a different experience bracket and exemplifying the true definition of sportsmanship, Mollee Donovan, forfeited her second place medal to Rayne Duff, who in turn, paid it forward to David Conhoff. Thanks to the Royal BVI Yacht Club for instilling such exemplary sportsmanship into their young sailors.

In the Optimist Green Fleet Israel Duffy, representing Frederiksted Community Boating, took home the gold followed closely by Natalie McConnell, representing St. Thomas Yacht Club. St. Croix Yacht Club's own, Lake Sanford put everything he learned this summer into practice, taking home a proud third place. "the wind was blowing really hard and our boats kept swamping with water from the waves," says Lake, "so we bailed our boats and had fun." The kids worked really hard to maintain control through shifty conditions and boats consistently full of water.

The windy weather conditions provided challenging sailing to all competitors. The Sunfish fleet trying to sail around the course without a break down, was often the goal. Some of our new up and coming women sailors that didn't have the weight advantage of the others did an amazing job remaining competitive and placing in the fleet. Annie Hardee stated, "I enjoyed sailing with my little brother and would do it again in a heartbeat." The father and son team of Morgan and Mathieu Dale, dominated the sunfish fleet with seven first place finishes. The 420 and Laser Class consisted of many more experienced sailors. In both fleets, sailors bantered back and forth for position providing close competition. The team of Jae Tonachel and Lillian Mallory in 420's eked out Chris Schreiber and Eric Cusin for first place, followed by David Kleeger and Owen Sanford in a strong third place In the end Peter Stanton prevailed in Lasers with Beecher Higby in second place and Sam Watterson in third place.

An event as successful as this regatta does not happen without the support of volunteers and community sponsor. The organizers of the 2011 CROOD Regatta would like to send a big THANK YOU to Car Hunters of St. Croix & Tires Xpress, The Law Firm of Hunter, Cole, Bennett, Budget Marine, Paradise Plumbing, Inc., East End Marine Park and Coca Cola.

With all the heat and all the sun,  
Please help us to make sure things get done.  
If your Kayak, Dinghy, or trailers is here,  
It is time to make its ownership clear.  
Please visit us for the latest style,  
So none of your gear ends up in Exile!  
We thank you for your help and time,  
and hope you enjoyed this Summertime Rhyme

New Stickers for your trailer, Dinghy, and Kayaks are located in the office. Any unmarked gear will be put in "Boat Jail" until owners arrive to label their property clearly.

### STICKER PLACEMENT:



Trailer: Tongue, Left Side



Hobie: Port Stern



Row Boat: Port Stern



Motor Dinghy: Front of Motor



Kayak: Port Stern

## FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE: **GROUND RULES REMINDER**

The SCYC House Committee would like to remind the membership of a few Club Ground Rules and hope that you help us make your time at the Club, relaxing and enjoyable.

- Littering on any part of the Club property is strictly prohibited. All cans, bottles and trash are to be deposited in trash barrels provided for this purpose.
- Dogs are not permitted within 100 feet of the Club buildings except in transit to or from boats while on leash. Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their dogs within that 100-foot limit.
- No vehicles of any kind are allowed on the concrete walkway to the Club entrance.
- All roadways are to be left clear. Parking is allowed in regular parking areas only.
- Boats of all types are prohibited from being stored in other than designated storage areas, except at the time of a Club sponsored Regatta.
- Children are welcome to the Club. However, they must be under control of their parents or guardians at all times.
- The Club does not employ busboys. It is the responsibility of each member to clear the table for the next group.
- Absolutely no cleaning of fish on Club property.
- All boats stored in racks, on trailers, or in designated Club storage areas must be marked with assigned Yacht Club storage sticker.



Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. *House Committee*

## FROM THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

Summer has come and now almost gone. Hard to believe isn't it? Now's the time to start preparing for the upcoming seasons... Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and a lot going on in between. Watch your email for information on upcoming events.

I would like to thank Kate Diaz and her crew at the galley for continuing to provide great food and drink. The Friday night fare with Chef Brant has been a real success. We all look forward to it at the end of a long week.

Kate has kept the Wednesday Night Dinners going all summer long, with good attendance by the members. (Thank you members for coming out on Wednesday night...it makes a difference!)

Kate will be starting something new for Wednesday evenings beginning in October. Responding to members suggestions, for those who only want drinks and a snack, Posh Catering will be serving hors d'oeuvres from 6:00pm-7:00pm, before the dinner. The cost will be \$10.00 and reservations are required. Of course, if you are staying for dinner the hors d'oeuvres are included. Cocktails, good food and visiting with friends. What could be better? We hope to see you there!

I also would like to thank all the members who come out and support SCYC. It is your Club. Come and enjoy it. Please know that we do listen and care when you make a suggestion or have a concern. When we all work together everything is possible.

I look forward to seeing you,  
 Carol Stewart –Director  
 Food and Beverage Chairman





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## FCC ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY

### MARINE RADIO

#### Enforcement Bureau Reminds Boaters of Marine Radio Rules *Directs Boaters to Check Safety Communications Equipment to Ensure Compliance*

As the summer boating season ramps up, boaters are urged to familiarize themselves with marine safety communication requirements, and ensure that their equipment is operating properly. The FCC regulates marine communications in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard, which monitors marine distress frequencies continuously to protect life and property. All users of marine radio, whether voluntary or compulsory, are responsible for observing both FCC and Coast Guard requirements. Each summer, the United States Coast Guard reports a significant number of false distress calls and incidents ranging from a simple lack of courtesy to intentional interference. The Enforcement Bureau intends to strictly enforce the Rules related to marine radio operations. Ensuring the integrity of safety and distress frequencies is vital to safeguarding lives and property.

#### What Should You Know?

Most recreational boaters are authorized to operate VHF marine radios, radar, and emergency position-indicating radiobeacons (EPIRBs) without having to obtain individual licenses from the FCC. However, boaters must continue to follow the operating procedures for calling other stations, maintaining a safety watch, and relaying distress messages as specified in the FCC's Rules, available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2009-title47-vol5/pdf/CFR-2009-title47-vol5-part80.pdf>. Depending on the type of operation, you may identify your ship station over the air using your FCC-issued call sign, maritime mobile service identity (MMSI), the state registration number or official number of your ship, or the name of your ship. To check if your vessel license information is correct, you may search the FCC database of licensed stations at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>.

- VHF Marine Channel 16 Designated for Emergency Calls** – Section 80.369 of the FCC's Rules states that VHF Marine Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) is the international voice, distress, urgency, safety, call, and reply channel for ship, public, and private coast stations. The Coast Guard continually monitors Channel 16 and treats any distress call received as an emergency that should be immediately investigated. Prohibited Channel 16 communications include: false distress or emergency messages, superfluous communications, messages containing obscene, indecent, or profane words or meaning, general calls (calls not addressed to a particular station), routine messages and radio tests, and communications when your ship is on land (for example, while the ship is on a trailer).
- Emergency Position-Indicating Radiobeacons (EPIRBs) Only Authorized for Emergency Use** – EPIRBs, devices that cost from \$200 to about \$1500, are designed to save your life if you get into trouble on the water by alerting rescue authorities and indicating your location. Section 80.1161 of the FCC's Rules requires that EPIRBs be used only under emergency conditions, while section 80.89(a) of the Rules prohibits unauthorized or superfluous transmissions. Some EPIRBs automatically activate when wet and others are manually activated. Both types can be used when a ship is in distress by emitting a radio signal marking the ship's location for rescue responders. Boaters must exercise extreme care to prevent inadvertent activation in non-emergency situations.

- **Registration of EPIRBs Required** – Current 406 MHz EPIRBs have a unique identifier that must be registered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) whenever installed or replaced on a vessel, pursuant to section 80.1061(f) of the FCC's Rules. (You may now [register online](#).) Registration will help rescue forces find you faster in the event of an emergency. Older EPIRBs operating only on 121.5 MHz/243 MHz should be replaced as they are no longer detected by satellites, and their use is now prohibited under the FCC's Rules. For information on recommended monthly EPIRB test procedures, see [http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/EPIRB\\_inspecting.pdf](http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/EPIRB_inspecting.pdf).
- **Ship Station Licenses Required for Commercial Vessels** – Commercial vessels that are required by statute to carry radio equipment must apply to the FCC for a ship station license. The ship station license specifies the type of radio equipment that the vessel is authorized to use. All radio equipment must be properly licensed, and type accepted for maritime use. Ship stations are specifically prohibited from employing unlicensed or unauthorized radio equipment, such as unlicensed or unauthorized amateur or aircraft transceivers.

## What Happens if Users Do Not Comply with the FCC's Rules?

Interference to a maritime distress and safety frequency, including VHF Marine Channel 16, is a violation of the most critical nature, with potential impact upon safety of life and property. Harmful interference can be caused not only by intentional operation, but also by stuck microphones on Channel 16, and inadvertent activation of EPIRBs. Harmful interference disrupts vital safety frequencies, and can obscure genuine distress transmissions. Tracking down such interference also places a strain on valuable resources of the safety and rescue agencies. Be aware that the Enforcement Bureau intends to strictly enforce the Rules related to marine radio operations.<sup>1</sup>

Violators may be subject to the penalties authorized by the Communications Act, including first offense fines as high as \$16,000 for each violation or imprisonment for up to one year. Your radio equipment can also be seized and forfeited to the U.S. Government. In addition, the Coast Guard can recover the costs of its rescue efforts when the initiating distress call is determined to be false; these rescue-related costs can be as much as \$5,000 per hour.

## What Should You Do?

Marine safety and distress radio communications are designed to protect both your life and the lives of those around you – fellow boaters, friends and loved ones. Please take the time to learn the FCC's Rules governing proper radio operation and comply with them. Common sense and simple courtesy can help keep you from harm's way. Safety equipment is there for your own benefit. Your life may depend on it.

**Need more information?** To file a complaint, visit [www.fcc.gov/complaints](http://www.fcc.gov/complaints) or call 1-888-CALL-FCC. For additional information regarding enforcement of the marine radio rules, visit the websites below or email [MarineRadio@fcc.gov](mailto:MarineRadio@fcc.gov). Media inquiries should be directed to David Fiske at (202) 418-0513 or [David.Fiske@fcc.gov](mailto:David.Fiske@fcc.gov).

- For information related to ship station licenses, proper use of marine VHF radio channels, and licensing of marine radio stations, please visit the FCC website at [http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing&id=ship\\_stations](http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing&id=ship_stations).
- For more information on EPIRB registration, please visit the NOAA website at <https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/rgdb/>.
- For more information on EPIRB and other Coast Guard requirements, please visit the Coast Guard website at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=mtEpirb> and <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/epirbs.asp>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). You may also contact the Enforcement Bureau on its TTY line at (202) 418-1148 for further information about this Enforcement Advisory, or the FCC on its TTY line at 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) for further information about the marine radio rules.

Issued by: Chief, Enforcement Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> See *Vincent E. Aversa, Jr.*, Forfeiture Order, DA 11-549 (Enf. Bur. 2011) (assessed a \$20,000 forfeiture for unauthorized operation on Channel 16); *Princess K Fishing Corporation*, Forfeiture Order, 24 FCC Rcd 2606 (Enf. Bur. 2009) *reconsideration pending* (assessed a \$5,500 forfeiture for unauthorized activation of an EPIRB).

## 2011 Fall One Design Race Series



- Open to all MEMBERS
  - Open to all graduates of SCYC Summer Sailing Camp  
Optimist, Sunfish and 420's, Lasers, Rhodes - 19's
  - Registration fee for series:
  - \$45.00 members \$60.00 Non-members
  - At least 15 of 20 races must be completed for scoring in the series; if 15 or more races are completed, the best 15 finishes will be counted except DSQ's will not be thrown out.
  - Registration & Skipper's Meeting; September 11, at 11:00AM
  - 1st warning Signal at 1:00 PM
- Series Dates include:
- Sunday, September 11**
  - Sunday, September 18**
  - Sunday, September 25**
  - Sunday, October 2 (Awards Celebration!)**
- with a **Registration Start time of 11:30 am:**
- All competitors must have a life jacket to sail.
  - Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class on Sunday, October 2, at SCYC.

## Hurricane Bash

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

(Hurricane Hugo 22 anniversary, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1989)



Happy Hour @ 5:30 PM



An Even Happier Hour @ 6:30PM



Music to be announced will

saturate our ears with fluid sounds from 6:30 - UNTIL



Drink special....Hurricanes... !!



### NOTICE OF RACE

2011 Hugo

Memorial Race

Saturday, September 17th!

SAVE THE DATE

NOTICE OF RACE COMING SOON.

773-9531

stcroixyc@gmail.com

## Save The Date!

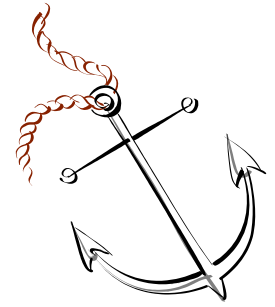
Saturday September 17, 2011



SCYC's Spaghetti



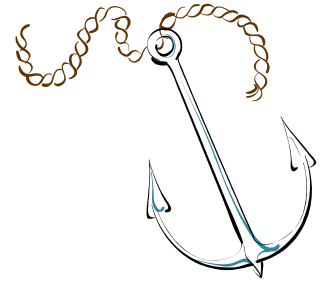
<b>B I N G O</b>	
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Pasta Dinner & Drinks
7:00pm - 8:30pm	BINGO
Admission:	\$10 includes dinner and your 1st BINGO Card
Additional BINGO Cards available for \$1 each	
Prizes Awarded!!	
<small>Please RSVP by September 15, @ 5:00 p.m. to 773-9631 or Click on the following link: <a href="mailto:scyc@stcroixyc.com">scyc@stcroixyc.com</a> MEMBERS &amp; GUESTS WELCOMED</small>	






# September 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	29	30	31	1 GALLEY CLOSED	2 Grill Night Happy Hour	3
						
4 STXEEMP SUP EVENT	5 LABOR DAY CLUB OPEN	6	7 Wednesday Night Dinner	8 GALLEY CLOSED	9 Birthday Happy Hour	10
				HS Practice		
11 Fall One Design #1	12	13 HS Fall Season Kick Off Meeting	14 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	15 Board Meeting GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	16 Happy Hour Hurricane Bash	17 Spaghetti Bingo Hugo Memorial Race
18 Fall One Design #2	19	20 HS Practice	21 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	22 GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	23 Happy Hour	24 Cressy Single - Handed St. Pete
25 Fall One Design #3 Cressy Single - Handed St. Pete	26	27 HS Practice	28 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	29 GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	30 Happy Hour	


# October 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Great Oaks Qualifier, St. Pete
2 Great Oaks Qualifier, St. Pete Fall One Design #4 Load VISA Trailer	3	4 HS Practice	5 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	6 GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	7 Grill Night Happy Hour 	8 Columbus Day Regatta STYC Sock Hop! 
9 Columbus Day Regatta STYC	10	11 HS Practice	12 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	13 GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	14 Birthday Happy Hour 	15
16 Membership Sunday Car Wash	17 Scuttlebutt art. Due Opti Team Practice	18 HS Practice	19 Wednesday Night Dinner HS Practice	20 Board Meeting GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	21 Happy Hour	22
23	24 Opti Team Practice	25 HS Practice	26 HS Practice	27 GALLEY CLOSED HS Practice	28 Halloween Party! Cressy Cup, FL 	29 2011 Single Handed Championships
30 Kids Halloween party 	31 Opti Team Practice					

Creep, Float or Crawl!  
Join us if you dare  
For a Halloween Scare!  
October 28, 2011  
6:30 until...  
Come Drink, Dance  
& be Scary!  
Kids Party October 30th  
Details to come!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SCYC SOCK HOP**  
October 8, 2011  
Details to Come...



## Smooth Sailing to Kiomie Pedrini: A Beacon of Friendship



It is known to those who live here,  
Along the beauty of the sea  
That the only known conditions,  
are that of unpredictability.

To expect the unexpected,  
And embrace the changing tide,  
Makes us all a stronger people,  
As we go throughout our lives.

But to make a small impression,  
As we walk along the shore,  
Improves our lives for just a moment,  
The coast more beautiful than before.

And as they start to wash away,  
Our footsteps still remain,  
A hidden imprint in the sand,  
That our hearts will all maintain.

There is something truly special,  
About a mentor and a friend,  
Who improve the coastline of our hearts,  
And stand with you till the end.

These people remain your anchor,  
Through big winds and stormy seas,  
And even on the calmest days,  
Are the strength you may not see.

No matter what the distance,  
They assure you're not alone,  
And like a beacon in the fog,  
They help to guide you home.

So every now and then,  
When the breeze gets calm and light  
It's important to say thank you,  
To those who keep our forecast bright.