

SCUTTLEBUTT



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Commodores Message

A special thanks to those involved in making our Summer Sailing Program, such a huge success! Thank you to Krista and her staff for working hard to uphold the excellent standards our sailing program is known for. Thank you to the family members that register their children each summer. The skills taught to the children encourage strength of character, independence and a love for the ocean. They are the future boating community.

Keep an eye on the Yacht Club calendar for other upcoming events, such as the annual Halloween Party, which will be held on Friday, October 31st. Dust off those dancing shoes and get creative with your costume ideas as we will be looking for the wackiest, most clever, and scary ideas you might imagine. Interested in being a part of putting this event together, give me a call or stop by the office and let your horrific side be known.

The front entrance Gate is in full use!!! The old gate had a chain and padlock and was locked when the Club was closed. Members that needed a key to access the Club property, at times *other* than regular business hours, would contact the office and get a key. The new gate works exactly the same way, except instead of a key, you get issued a key code. Members who **need** the code are to contact the Yacht Club office and will be given the code and instructions. We are not sending the code out to the entire membership as most members do not have a

need to access the Club outside of regular business hours.

We are at the peak of "the storm season" and it has been quite a busy season already. Please continue to be vigilant in checking your boats regularly and maintain readiness, should the need arise.

It is truly an exciting time to be a member of the St. Croix Yacht Club as we move forward with positive changes and long range planning, for the future. If you are interested in being an active part of that future, please consider serving on the SCYC Board of Directors. Remember, you only get out of your Club experience what you are willing to put into it. If you would like more information on what being on the Board entails, contact Vice Commodore - Alan Mallory, or any of the Board members listed below.

Thank you to Krista, Roserene and special members for their extra efforts while Kiomie is on leave. Please continue to keep her and Aldo in your prayers during this time.

Commodore
Vicki Bandola



2008 Officers and Directors

Commodore	Vicki Bandola	Director	Felice Quigley
Vice Commodore	Alan Mallory	Director	Anne Rymsha
Rear Commodore	Megan Littlefield	Director	Karen McCoy
Fleet Captain	Kim Jones	Director	Chris Schreiber
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From the Vice Commodore: Long Range Planning

All the best books recommend planning as the process to determine best outcomes. Some even say visualize an outcome and that is likely what you can achieve! And, on the other hand, we all know lack of prior planning produces pretty poor performance.

Our Sailing Fathers when establishing the by-laws of the Yacht Club surely had thoughts like these in mind when they made provision for the Long Range Planning Committee as a standing committee under Article 8, Section 12. The Committee is to have six appointed members, plus the Commodore. Presently members Vicki Bandola, Joe SanMartin, Alan Mallory, Nancy Hasson, Cecy Castruccio-DeReu, Tully Keith and Morgan Dale are serving to consider issues of "major projects and improvements, renovations, changes and events that can be anticipated in the future."

We leave to others the consideration of future events sidereal, religious and political. Our conversations so far have focused on short to mid-term needs of Club property in Teague Bay. We have listed and prioritized, estimated expenses, and

looked at funding sources in preparation for a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a systematic and comprehensive plan of refurbishment and improvement of the physical plant.



On other fronts - we have recommendations for the Board to establish an Energy Committee to actively research and implement cost saving steps; we are discussing issues likely to impact the Club such as Community Relations, and Board and New Member Development.

Any Club member is welcome to present to the committee, or if you have ideas or concerns or qualifications that might bring illumination to any of the above topics, please speak to one of the Committee members.

Vice Commodore

Alan Mallory

In Loving Memory of: William Farewell Fletcher



William Farewell Fletcher, known as "Bill", "Daddy", "Gramps", and "Wise Old Mr. Fletcher", died of natural causes this Wednesday August 6, 2008 at the age of 86 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born in Evanston, Illinois on October 21, 1921, Bill married Jeanne Eaton on May 3, 1943 just before he went to the Pacific to fly PBV Air Sea Rescue Missions as a Navy Pilot in WWII. He returned in March of 1946 to Purdue University to finish his degree in Engineering, where he fathered the first of four daughters, Pam, now a resident of Lexington Park, Maryland. Bill, Jeanne and Pam then moved to Huntington, West Virginia, the location of JH Fletcher and Company, the family business which Bill, his brother Bob, and their father JH Fletcher built and operated. He fathered three more daughters in Huntington: Jill, Susie, and Vicki who now all live in DeBary, FL; Buckhead, GA; and Cincinnati, OH.

Bill also treated his sons-in-law, John Bone, Chuck Messier, Brad Morgan, and Dennis Sweeney as his own, and had five loving grandchildren- Marissa, Adam and Andrew Messier, and Dennis and Ellen Sweeney. His brother Robert Fletcher and niece Sally Duncan both of Huntington, niece Lyn Reeves of Ft Myers, nephew Jim Fletcher of Key Largo and nephew Bruce Becker of Mt Prospect, IL also survive him.

Whether taking friends and family out on his sailboat in the Virgin Islands, teaching his daughters and grandchildren how to drive, or dancing with his wife on their 65th Wedding Anniversary at his grandson Andrew's wedding to Holly French, Bill always had a sense of humor and gentleness unequalled among husbands, fathers and grandfathers.

Best known for his ability to construct or repair anything ("if you have the right tool, you can fix anything"), Bill raced his Lotus Super 7 racecar throughout the Midwest and for many years kept a renowned hideout in West Virginia woods called "The Last Resort." His family cherishes the time they spent in Beckley, West Virginia at Flat Top Lake, "it never rains this hard for very long...", and their time visiting Bill and Jeanne in their later residences in Chicago, St. Croix, and finally Cincinnati.

Beloved by many, admired by those who knew him, Bill Fletcher lived a long, full life and died with his wife Jeanne and his daughters by his side. A service with close friends and family will be held in Wayne, Illinois Monday, August 11, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be sent to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America at ccfa.org or to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, National Processing Center, Attn: Honor & Memorial Gifts, P.O. Box 1245, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

From the Rear Commodore:

We were pleased to WELCOME our newest members at the July 20th, Membership Sunday; we had a wonderful group. First, I would like to thank a few folks. Without them we would not have such a splendid event. Thanks to Kiomie, Roserene & Krista for their tireless work and dedication to the Yacht Club and its members. A big THANK YOU to Jane Severson, Norma Jean Brent, Kirana Kefalos, Tom Drillot and Betty Cambra; Membership Committee members who went the extra mile to make our new members feel welcomed, as soon as they walked in the door. Their volunteer efforts helped assure that the morning was organized and ran smoothly. Thanks to the Board of Directors for describing the different aspects of the Club to our new members. And of course, a round of applause to Wild West Catering for their stellar spread of yummy breakfast items!

We had the pleasure of welcoming the following new members to our Club:

Anton & Kelly Kuipers

Peter and Darcy Whitney

John & Kim McCann

Peter and Carol Stewart

Sally Ann Stewart

Stuart Taylor

Roger Bogert

William Callahan

Scott Stanton



We continue to have several spots available for resident membership and have numerous spots available for non-resident memberships. As you know non-resident memberships allow full club usage without voting rights. Please invite and encourage your friends and neighbors to come on out and join the St. Croix Yacht Club and enjoy all we have to offer.

Our next Membership Sunday is scheduled for October 19th, 2008. We look forward to meeting new members and their sponsors. I would like to also encourage any new or reinstated member who has not yet been able to attend a Membership Sunday to please join us in October.

A quick note to new member sponsors. It is wonderful that you take the time to invite an individual or a family to join the Yacht Club. Please remember that it is your responsibility to attend Membership Sunday as well, introduce the member you are sponsoring and help familiarize them with the Club. Your personal touch helps the new member feel welcomed and a part of our Yacht Club family.

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and we all have a storm free fall. I look forward to meeting and seeing you all enjoying the Club!

Rear Commodore

Megan Littlefield



From the Galley

Come Out and Party with us on Friday Nights During Happy Hour!

We will be rockin' some great music and pouring some great drinks!
Jimmy will be cooking up some of his famous ribs so don't miss out on the fun!

Thank you to the SCYC Members for supporting us during the summer season! We will be continuing to bring you wonderful Wednesday Night Buffet Dinner menus and are looking forward to seeing you in the coming months. As we prepare our entertainment calendars and menu's for the fall season, we look forward to new and fresh ideas, from YOU, our members.

For more information please contact Wild West Catering at 773-9631 or scyccatering@gmail.com





**The Scuttlebutt is now
Electronic!**

**All members on YC email
list will receive a PDF
version of the document or
can access it on the web
site @ stcroixyc.com**

**To be placed on email list
simply send the SCYC
office an email at
stcroixyc@gmail.com**

From the Regatta Chairman: 16th Annual St. Croix International Regatta

“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)

Mark your calendars for February 20 - 22, 2009! The St. Croix Yacht Club will host the 16th Annual St. Croix International Regatta with two days of competitive sailing for approximately 60 boats, about 2/3 of the boats coming from the other islands.

While the big boats are racing in the Buck Island Channel and Teague Bay, as many as 30 Optimists will race for two days off the beach at the St. Croix Yacht Club, in the 6th Annual Valentines Optimist Regatta. These sailors are all under the age of 16 and we expect a good representation from the other Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Commodore Vicki Bandola has courageously volunteered to head up the Sponsorship Committee for 2009, and she needs plenty of help. Sponsorship is the group tasked with finding the prime sponsor(s), as well as selling the advertising in the Regatta Book. Unfortu-

nately, our long time sponsor, Innovative, has gone aground financially, so Commodore Vicki is looking for replacement(s). Please let her know of any potential sponsors – including you! She has a menu ranging from \$500 Crew level up to \$25,000 Platinum sponsorship level. And don't forget to sign up for your ad in the Regatta Book – members can purchase a full page, color, for as little as \$360 with offerings as low as \$20 for a patron listing.

The St. Croix Yacht Club International Regatta has earned the reputation as the welcoming regatta that goes out of its way to see visiting sailors have a good time at our beautiful Club, one of the finest in the Caribbean. It is the efforts of the individual members of the Yacht Club who have earned this reputation.

The International Regatta involves hundreds of club volunteer hours working with boats and boat stuff, offset by parties and hanging out on the beach. What a great Yacht Club!

International Regatta Director

Julie San Martin

From the Club Manager

The Security Gate is Now in Full Operation! The front entrance gate will be open during normal working hours. If you are on the property and the gate is closed, there is a motion sensor on the inside that will let you out of the Club. If you are outside the gate, and want to get back in, you will need the code to the gate, which will be available to any member in good standing, from the Club office. The gate must be kept locked during the hours the Club is closed in order to enhance Club security and the safety of our members, staff and property.

Many Projects: Summer is a the time when the Club staff puts much effort into maintenance and sprucing up. The yard and work area have been cleaned out and much debris removal occurred on the property in preparation for Storm Season. A plumbing project with the original objective of replacing the Clubs toilets with low volume flush, handicap toilets, turned into a progressive replacement of crumbling cast iron pipes. Thanks to all who were patient in sharing restrooms. The good news is that everything is now flowing nicely. The crumbling wood toilet platforms in the men's room have been replaced with solid concrete, eliminating shaky toilets and not so nice odors. The front lawn, ranch fence line that was falling apart because of rotting telephone pole bases has been fixed and the flag pole has been dropped for some much needed maintenance. Thanks to all who worked hard to LOVE the Club, as many small projects were managed or accomplished by club volunteers.



A special THANKS to everyone, who have kept Aldo and I in their hearts and prayers over the past few months. Your love and support has been truly overwhelming. Forever thankful, Kiomie Pedrini

From the Waterfront Coordinator

LADIES NIGHT SAIL- This a fun activity for the ladies of the Club. Take advantage of a nice quiet evening cruise with your girlfriends followed by wine and cheese. We sail the Club owned Rhodes 19s and you don't have to know how to sail to participate. Space is limited so please sign up by 5:00 pm the Wednesday before. Ladies Night Sails are from 5-7 on the second Thursday of each month.

FULL MOON SAIL- This was a great event that took place on Friday July 18th right here in Teague Bay. We had a total of 10 boats sailing decorated with Glow Sticks, Glow Necklaces and Bracelets. The kids had a great time sailing after dark and we finished off the night with a bonfire and roasted marshmallows on the beach.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 SUMMER CAMP GRADUATES- What a great summer! We had 85 Jr. Sailors come through our sailing program this year. I commend all parents and guardians on the investment you have made in your child's future and encourage you to keep your kids sailing. Our junior program caters to multiple and progressively strengthening skill levels and in the end is just good, safe, fun. We welcome you and encourage you to become members of the club and junior sailors can become members at age 12. Thank you to Wild West Catering for keeping the kids fed. Please share your appreciation and **thanks** to the staff that made it all possible. **US Sailing Certified Instructors:** Krista Siino, Ben Victor, Stephanie Malanga, Sydney Jones, Beth Tonachel **Assistants:** Ryan Murphy, Jae Tonachel **Jr. Assistants:** Tim Murphy, Shane Ryan-Battaler, Morgan Bryan, Caroline Mallory, Lillian Mallory, Eric Perez, Billy Gibbons

LITTLE MARINERS SAILING: We had a great group of Little Mariners take part in a week long class of learning about sailing, rowing, safety, nautical terms and weather here at the Club. The class was attended by the youngest group of kids we have, between 5 and 7 years old. We built model boats, went on sailing field trips, and learned to row and tie knots. This class is designed to give the young ones the knowledge to play safely around the water and on boats. Because summer camp begins at 8 years old this is the best chance the little ones have to get involved in sailing activities at SCYC.

For information please call 773-9531 or email Krista Siino (Waterfront Coordinator) at scycsailing@gmail.com



Ship Store

New Arrivals!!!

Open Wed- 6-7pm
Fri- 6-7:30 pm
Sun- 11:45-1:30 pm

New Colors Men's Polos

Ladies Tank Tops & Kids Rompers

Rash Guards for Kids & Adults 4 SALE Buckets

\$5, \$10, \$15, & \$20 items

Come down and Shop early for the holidays!



The Club has purchased an **Automatic External Defibrillator**, for use in an emergency. The Yacht Club Staff is well trained on how to use the device as well as certain members of the catering staff. If you would like to get a little demonstration on how it operates, please call the office or stop by. It is located outside of the kitchen door near the Ship Store and can be accessed by anyone regardless of whether the club office is open or not. This is a wonderful piece of technology that we pray will never need to be used. If necessary, the AED is user friendly and self explanatory.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Club</i> <i>Open</i>	2	3 <i>Wed Night</i> <i>Buffet</i>	4	5 <i>Happy</i> <i>Hour</i>	6
7 <i>HS Sail</i> <i>Practice</i> <i>Fall One</i> <i>Design</i> <i>Racing</i>	8	9	10 <i>Wed Night</i> <i>Buffet</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	11 <i>Ladies</i> <i>Night Sail</i>	12 <i>Happy</i> <i>Hour</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	13
14 <i>HS Sail</i> <i>Practice</i> <i>Fall One</i> <i>Design</i> <i>Racing</i>	15	16	17 <i>Wed Night</i> <i>Buffet</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	18 <i>Board</i> <i>Meeting</i>	19 <i>Happy</i> <i>Hour</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	20
21 <i>HS Sail</i> <i>Practice</i> <i>Fall One</i> <i>Design</i> <i>Racing</i>	22	23	24 <i>Wed Night</i> <i>Buffet</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	25	26 <i>Happy</i> <i>Hour</i> <i>HS Sailing</i> <i>Practice</i>	27 <i>Hugo</i> <i>Memorial</i> <i>Race</i>
28 <i>HS Sail</i> <i>Practice</i> <i>Fall One</i> <i>Design</i> <i>Racing</i>	29	30				

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Wed Night Buffet HS Sailing Practice	2 Adult Learn to Sail Class 5:00 PM	3 HS Sailing Practice	4
5 Rhodes 19 Series #1	6	7	8 Wed Night Buffet HS Sailing Practice	9 Ladies Night Sail Adult Learn to Sail Class 5:00 PM	10 Happy Hour HS Sailing Practice	11 HS Sailing Great Oaks Cham- pionships & Columbus Day Regatta
12 Rhodes 19 Series #2 HS Sailing Great Oaks Championships	13	14	15 Wed Night Buffet HS Sailing Practice	16 Board Meeting Adult Learn to Sail Class 5:00 PM	17 Happy Hour HS Sailing Practice	18
19 Membership Sunday	20	21	22 Wed Night Buffet HS Sailing Practice	23 Adult Learn to Sail Class 5:00 PM	24 Happy Hour HS Sailing Practice	25
26 Rhodes 19 Series #3	27	28	29 Wed Night Buffet HS Sailing Practice	30 Adult Learn to Sail Class 5:00 PM	31 Halloween Party	

From the Fleet Captain:

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING-"it's the most wonderful time of the year", no its not Christmas, It's time for the kids to go back to SCHOOL. Which simply means, high school sailing is ON. The kids should be out a couple of days a week, you can catch their practices in the afternoons. They are preparing for 10th GREAT OAKS CHAMPIONSHIP -which they won hands down last year!!! It is hosted by the University of South Florida/St. Pete: 11-12 Oct 08 . Six (6) schools can advance to participate in the 2008 ISSA GREAT OAKS INVITATIONAL REGATTA: 15-16 Nov 08 at Southern YC in New Orleans, LA. GOOD LUCK!!!!

COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA is coming up, so mark you calendars. The Columbus Day Regatta, NOR is posted on the board, Major Club participation is encouraged, racing will be in Lasers (4.7. Radials, standard rigs) Optis and Bic O'Pens . Trailer arrangements must be made, charter forms and deposits collected. If you are interested in racing and do not have a boat, please feel free to contact Kim Jones, charters are available for this. Fleet Fun.....POKER RUN both by power and by sail. I have already spoken with the following restaurants for card pick-ups; Deep End, Cheney Bay, Golden Rail & the Fort Christian Brew Pub. More details COMING SOON!!!!!!

2008 Hugo Memorial Race NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules

The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the rules of the St. Croix Yacht Club. The management of the race shall be by the designated race committee of St Croix Yacht Club which shall have the authority to decide all matters relating to this race. There will be four classes: CSA spinnaker (Yellow Flag), CSA non-spinnaker (Green Flag), CSA Multi-hull (Orange Flag) and all other entries (Blue Flag).

Registration, Fees and Schedule of Events:

Skipper's Meeting and Registration at **St Croix Yacht Club 1:00pm - Saturday, September 27th, 2008.**

Entry Fee: SCYC Members \$25.00 Non-members \$30.00. All registration fees must be paid in full.

On Saturday, September 27th, 2008, the first warning will be at 1425, start at 1430.

Racing Area and Course: The Race will start in Teague Bay between the RC boat and tetrahedron. The first leg will be an upwind to a orange mark off of Knights Point, rounding to Port. Go to Park Buoy I rounding it to starboard. East to Park Buoy L, rounding it to starboard. Back to Coakley marker leaving it to Port. Sail east to Teague Bay & finish between tetrahedron & RC Flag on the end of the T-dock.

Scoring CSA Ratings will be assigned by the Race Committee, and are subject to the Race Committee's adjustment. Special adjustments to time will be made based on number of children (in age, not mental capacity) are on board, up to six children. Children's names and ages must be registered on registration form to be considered for time allotment. All vessels should submit current CSA certificates to the Yacht Club Office. Racers are not required to be members of the SCYC. All boats will be a minimum of 19ft in length.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class; 1 hour after the last boat crosses the finish line, at the St. Croix Yacht Club. **Further Information:** please contact, **Fleet Captain, Kim Jones** at kim@jonesmaritime.com

Ladies Night Sail

Thursday September, 11th 5-7pm
Thursday October, 9th 5-7pm

\$10.00 per person

This event is for Ladies **ONLY**, sorry guys!

Us gals are going to be having tons of fun without you! We will meet in the Club House at 5:00 pm and will set off on a sail in Teague Bay. Please bring a girlfriend or two and enjoy the peace and quiet of a nice evening cruise. After sailing, we will have sunset cocktails and snacks on the dock We will be sailing the Club's Rhodes 19's, so space is limited. To register for this event, email Krista Sino at scycsailing@gmail.com or call her at 773-9531.

2008 Fall One Design

September 7, 14, 21 and 28

Open to all MEMBERS

Open to all graduates of SCYC Summer Sailing
Optimist, Sunfish and 420's, Lasers, Rhodes 19's

Register EARLY as boats are limited

Registration START time 11:00 am

For more information, please call Krista, at the
St. Croix Yacht Club at 773-9531

