

Gulf Coast Sailing Club 2020

Luff n Laff



Cruising & Racing Events

SW Florida Sailors are still sailing. This past weekend CMCS held the **Jerry Pim Memorial Regatta** in Fort Myers. A great time was had by all!!

We'll keep you in the loop for the next sailing opportunities – get together & race your friends

This issue has all of the upcoming Sailing and Cruising Events that are planned so far for the coming season – October 2020.

It also has all the new GCSC Bridge Officers, Board of Directors, Team Leaders and the various teams that work to put on Regattas, Cruises, Member Meetings and Presentations. **It takes a lot of us to make it happen!**

Membership Renewal for the 2020-2021 Season

Get your Membership Renewed Support YOUR club!

- <http://gulfcoastsailingclub.org/join/>

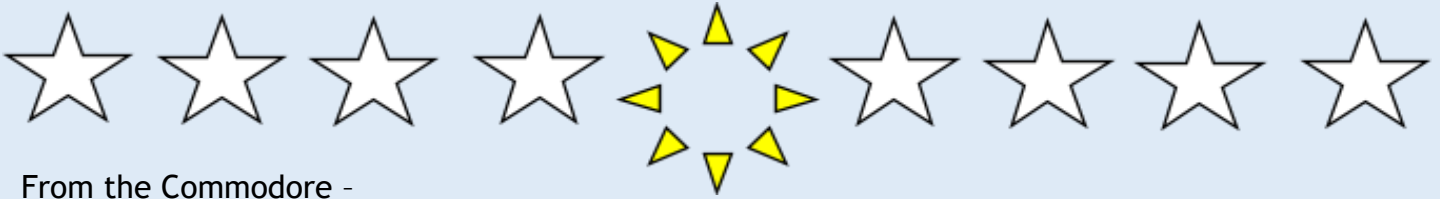


May 2020

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- **GCSC Commodore Seaby Bess**
- **Rick Reed** – Fleet Captain for GCSC & SAMI – 2020-2021 Calendar of Events
- **2020-2021 Calendar of EVENTS** – Regattas & Cruises
- **New Bridge Members, Board of Directors, Team Leaders and Teams** – and the activities performed by the Teams
- **Former Commodore Thomas Gross** has passed away. He will be greatly missed.
- **US Sailing Education** – Learn something new and/or improve your current skills. On-line International Safety at Sea
- **Jerry Pim Memorial Regatta** – CMCS – pictures and story from last weekend's sail.
- **GCSC Facebook Page**
<https://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastsailingclub/>





From the Commodore -



I trust all of you and your family are safe and well. I've heard that some of our members have lost friends and family to the COVID-19 virus. We just recently lost our oldest living member and previous commodore Tom Gross who we will all dearly miss, however, he did not pass from the virus. Our dear friend Jerry Watkins reminded me that we all **have been lacking a person willing to be a Historian for the club** so if anyone is willing to be such please contact anyone on the board.

The good news right now is that business and beaches are opening back up. There is light at the end of the tunnel. Our racing season due to everything has been cancelled for the safety of everyone. **Any of the races that we did not hold will be credited financially** to those who signed up for SWFLsail series for the next year along with those who signed up individually. We all look forward to reinstating our Tequila series informal racing during the summer



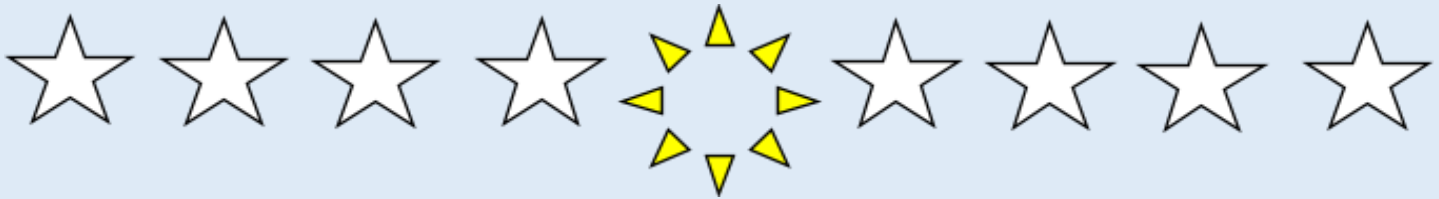
Betti and I were able to enjoy the Sanibel Causeway on May 1st with the restrictions being lifted and will be on the water with CMCS informal sailing on May 2nd. So our best projection would be once the restaurants are open to full capacity we can have monthly meetings again which is looking like July or August. Since our present board steps down on July 1st if I am not able to present in front of all of you I will mail the gavel and board records to our new Commodore Bruce Harris. I can't thank all of you enough of what a privilege it was to serve as your Commodore for the past two years and can't wait to see all of us together on the water again.

Be safe,

Capt and Commodore Seaby
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2020/2021 Season

**Southwest Florida Inter-Club
Cruising and Day Sailing Programs**

Rick Reed,

GCSC Fleet Captain Cruising

I hope that you are well, safe and not too bored. Like everything else, the cruising events came to a halt. The last event was the Champney Bay raft-up on March 7th that morphed into a land event at the Wharf Tavern in Naples due to high winds and caution flags that day.

The 20+ participants had a great time and practiced the social distancing recommended at the time. coronavirus may have shut down our club cruising but boat maintenance, limited individual cruising planning for the fall cruising season are going ahead at full speed.

So let's concentrate on the fall cruising season.

The fall cruising schedule has been included below. The goal is to continue the popular events but also to try a couple of longer cruises. For example, a trip to the Keys has been added in March and a Pink Shell / Cayo Costa trip at the end of April. The fall will bring other events such as Christmas boat parades, Sugden sailing and picnics, to name a few. CMCS also has an active cruising program. I have connected with CMCS and will look to share their cruises and perhaps plan a joint event.

Looking forward to cruising with you in the fall as Jenn and I hope to travel north in early June.

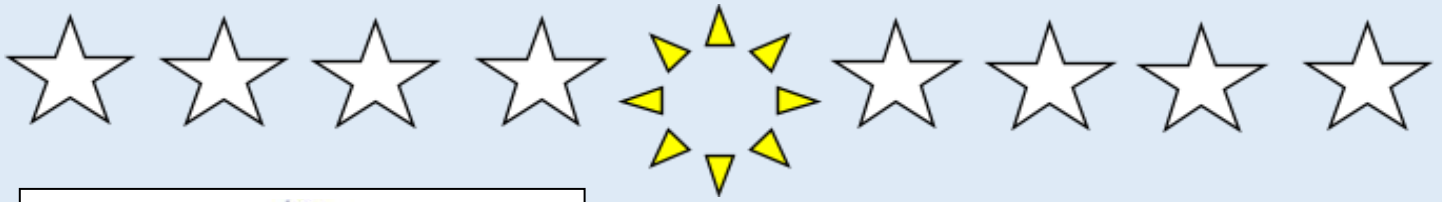
Be safe.

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2019/2020 Season Southwest Florida Inter-Club Cruising and Day Sailing

You Are Invited
Gulf Coast Sailing Club

Sailing Calendar 2020 / 2021 (As of 4/1/2020)

October 2020

BOTY Somerset Regatta Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Friday, October 2, 2020
BOTY Somerset Regatta Race Day	CMCS	Sat, October 3, 2020
BOTY Somerset Regatta Awards	CMCS	Sun, October 4, 2020
GCSC Meeting Harold's Place	GCSC	Wed, October 7, 2020
BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Fri, October 23, 2020
BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Race Day	NSYC	Sat, October 24, 2020
BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Awards	NSYC	Sun, October 25, 2020
Naples Commodores Cup Race Day Pursuit Race??	To be Confirmed	Sunday, October 25, 2020

November 2020

GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wed, November 11, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Fri, November 13, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Awards	CMCS	Sat, November 14, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Race Day	CMCS	Sat, November 14, 2020

Pursuit Race????? **To be Confirmed** Sunday, November 15, 2020
 Sailing Heals Event www.sailingheals.org **To be Confirmed**
 Monday, November 16, 2020
 Ladies Day Regatta Skippers **To be Confirmed** Friday, November 20, 2020
 Ladies Day Regatta Awards **To be Confirmed** Saturday, November 21, 2020
 Ladies Day Regatta Race Day **To be Confirmed** Saturday, November 21, 2020
 Sugden Sailing GCSC Wed, November 25, 2020
 Cruising Raft Up Smoke House Bay SAMI Sun, November 29, 2020

December 2020

BOTY Ft Myer to Naples Offshore Regatta Skippers Meeting GCSC
 Friday, December 4, 2020
 BOTY Ft Myer to Naples Offshore Regatta Race Day GCSC
 Saturday, December 5, 2020
 BOTY Ft Myer to Naples Offshore Regatta Awards GCSC
 Sunday, December 6, 2020
 Pursuit Race????? **To be Confirmed** Sunday, December 6, 2020
 GCSC Meeting Community Center - Holiday Party GCSC
 Wednesday, December 9, 2020
 Naples Boat Parade of Lights NSYC Saturday, December 12, 2020
 Sugden Sailing GCSC Sunday, December 13, 2020
 Marco Boat Parade of Lights Date Thursday, December 17, 2020

January 2021

Sugden Sailing GCSC Sunday, January 3, 2021
 GCSC Meeting Community Center GCSC Wednesday, January 6, 2021
 BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Skippers GCSC Friday, January 8, 2021
 BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Race Day GCSC Saturday, January 9, 2021
 BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Awards GCSC Sunday, January 10, 2021
 New Years Cup Regatta Race Day - Pursuit Race?? **To be Confirmed**
 Sunday, January 10, 2021
 Cruising MLK Weekend Pink Shell GCSC Saturday, January 16-18, 2021
 Golden Conch Regatta PPYC Saturday, January 16, 2021
 Martin Luther King Monday, January 18, 2021
 Super Bowl Sunday FYI Sunday, January 31, 2021
 Sugden Sailing GCSC Sunday, January 31, 2021

February 2021

BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Skippers Meeting CMCS Fri, February 5, 2021
BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Race Day CMCS Sat, February 6, 2021
BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Awards CMCS Sun, February 7, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center GCSC Wed, February 10, 2021
Cruising Panther Key Pre-Cruise Dinner SAMI Friday, February 12, 2021
Cruising Panther Key GCSC Saturday, February 13 - 15, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Skippers Meeting CMCS
Friday, February 19, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Race Day CMCS
Saturday, February 20, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Awards CMCS
Sunday, February 21, 2021
Sunset Keewadin Queen **To be Confirmed** Friday, February 26, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Skippers Meeting Friday, February 26, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Race Day Saturday, February 27, 2021
Sugden Sailing GCSC Sunday, February 28, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Awards Sunday, February 28, 2021

March 2021

Cruising Raft Up Champney Bay GCSC Saturday, March 6, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center GCSC Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Cruising to the Keys 3-13 to 3-27 GCSC Saturday, March 13-27, 2021
BOTY Classic Regatta Skippers Meeting GCSC Friday, March 19, 2021
BOTY Classic Regatta Awards GCSC Saturday, March 20, 2021
BOTY Classic Regatta Race Day GCSC Saturday, March 20, 2021
Sugden Sailing GCSC Sunday, March 28, 2021

April 2021

Bud Light Regatta Skippers GOOD FRIDAY **To be Confirmed** Fri, April 2, 2021
Bud Light Regatta Race Day EASTER **To be Confirmed** Sat, April 3, 2021
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 4, 2021
Bud Light Regatta Awards EASTER **To be Confirmed** Sunday, April 4, 2021
Bud Light Regatta Race Day EASTER **To be Confirmed** Sunday, April 4, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center GCSC Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Cruising Raft Up Smokehouse Bay GCSC Saturday, April 10, 2021
Point South Cruise to Panther Key **To be Confirmed** Thursday, April 15, 2021

Sugden Sailing	GCSC	Sunday, April 18, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Friday, April 23, 2021
Cruising Pink Shell/Cayo Costa	SAMI	Friday, April 23-27, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Race Day	NSYC	Saturday, April 24, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Awards	NSYC	Sunday, April 25, 2021

May 2021

GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, May 12, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Thurs, May 20, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Race Day	NSYC	Friday, May 21, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Race Day	NSYC	Sat, May 22, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Awards	NSYC	Sun, May 23, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC DIYC	Thurs, May 27, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Race Day	NSYC DIYC	Friday, May 28, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Race Day	NSYC DIYC	Sat, May 29, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Awards	NSYC DIYC	Sun, May 30, 2021

June 2021

Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, June 5, 2021
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, June 19, 2021

July 2021

GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, July 10, 2021
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, July 24, 2021

August 2021

Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, August 7, 2021
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Saturday, August 21, 2021

September 2021

Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sat, September 4, 2021
GCSC Meeting Harold's Place	GCSC	Wed, September 8, 2021
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sat, September 18, 2021

1> Please see Sponsoring Club's Website and Newsletters for actual event details.

Local Sailing Clubs:

CMCS – Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society – www.cmcs-sail.org

DIYC - Davis Island Yacht Club www.diyc.org

GCSC - Gulf Coast Sailing Club www.gulfcoastsailingclub.com

MIYC – Marco Island Yacht Club – www.marcoislandyachtclub.net

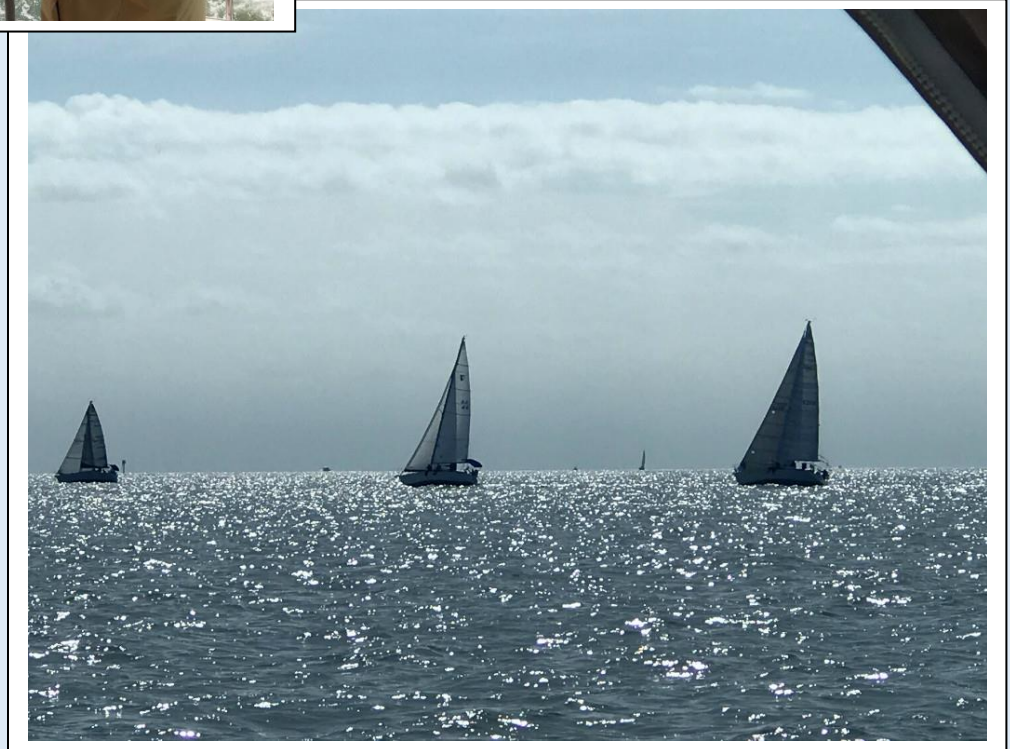
NSYC – Naples Sailing & Yacht Club – www.thensyc.com

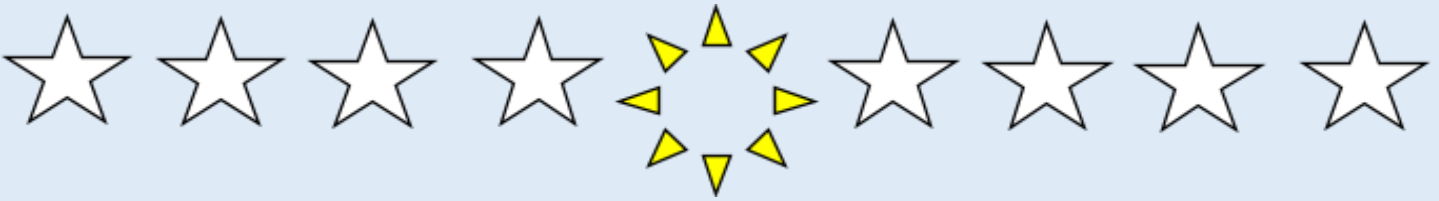
NYC – Naples Yacht Club – www.naplesyc.com

SAMI- Sailing Association of Marco Island – www.samisailor.org

SPYC – St. Petersburg Yacht Club - www.spyc.org

Commodore's Cup 2019





Many thanks go out to all those who volunteered to serve on the Board and those who volunteered to help out with committees for next year.

What a great team of volunteers! Thanks everybody!

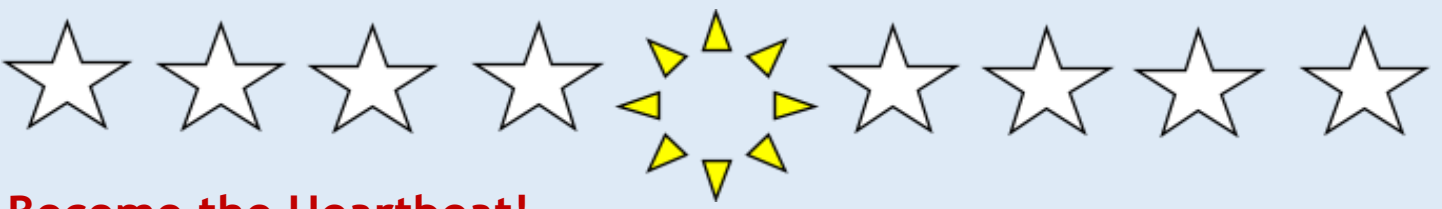
**Commodore - Seaby Bess
Vice Commodore - Chuck Downton
Rear Commodore - John Steiner
Treasurer - Paul Carlson
Secretary - Roseann Smith
Membership Committee--- Terry Nauck & Joan Kachel
Fleet Captain – Racing---Frank Brown
Fleet Captain—Cruising---Bob Diamond
Race Committee---Susan Watkins, Chair
Sugden Coordinator – Vedran Vicevic
Speaking/Events Coordinator – Chuck Downton
Land Side Food Service--- Shelly Russo and Jeff Gage, Fred & Collen Hall
Public Relations -----Vicki Livingston, Chair & Allison O'Reilly
Social Media – Roseanne Catalano Smith
Webmaster -- Cliff Elam
Communications Coordinator — Jonnie Westerop
Photography - Alma B. Photography, Jonnie Westerop**

As you know but might not appreciate fully, the Gulf Coast Sailing Club exists because of its wonderful volunteers. Each year we, the club members, select officers from the membership to guide our club forward but many more volunteers are needed for the club to survive and thrive.

Please visit the Club's web page at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org to check out events.

Our new slate of officers, team leaders are listed below.

Volunteers are how we keep this great club and activities progressing. Please think about how you can help as we need your help to be successful.



Become the Heartbeat! Volunteer today

Gulf Coast Sailing Club is the heart of sailing in Southwest Florida, and our members create the heartbeat. As a volunteer organization, we appreciate everyone's contribution of time and expertise on a range of fun and important roles. In addition to the leadership by our Commodore, Seaby Bess (current term) and Bruce Harris (incoming term) and Board of Directors, there are committees in membership, sailing, landside events (meetings, parties), racing, cruising and communications. Let us know your interest!



Our **2020-2021 Commodore** will be **Bruce Harris**

Board of Directors 2020-2021 - Frank Brown, Bob Diamond, Tom Horner, Vicki Livingston, Terry Nauck, Rick Reed, Maurice Scully, Jerry Watkins, Susan Watkins, Jonnie Westerop

Vice Commodore, Bruce Leng oversees all non-sailing activities to support our Club including the monthly meetings (landside events), membership, Board nominations & mentoring and the Communications group. Typically, the Vice Commodore arranges the presentations for monthly meetings.

Membership, Terry Nauck - The friendly faces of the membership team are official greeters at meetings, maintain the member directory, provide new member programs, and help direct volunteer and crew requests.

Nominations & Mentoring, Maurice Scully - Works with the Board to build leadership for the club.

Landside Events- Open position - This team plans the themed monthly meetings and other off the water events by arranging catering, decorating and fun! **LOTS OF HELP NEEDED HERE!**

The **Communications Team** is responsible for all internal and external Club communications and ensuring a consistent delivery of Club information. We are currently developing a new website.

Public and Media Relations, Vicki Livingston - plans, writes and places news stories in the media and on local calendars.

Member Communications, Jonnie Westerop - writes the monthly Luff N' Laff newsletter and prepares all direct member email communications

Facebook Communications, Roseann Smith - takes charge of the Facebook group and supports all the club announcements

Meet Up Communications, Maurice Scully - posts all Club events on Meet Up

Webmaster, Seaby Bess - maintains the Club website. Help wanted-- training on the new website and keeping information current

Rear Commodore, Jeff Gage provides the leadership for all on-the-water activities and actively handles the event organization and execution particularly for racing.

Fleet Captain- Cruising, Rick Reed - plans the schedule of cruising events including charts, local docking, dining arrangements and other details

Fleet Captain- Racing, Frank Brown - works with other local sailing organizations to create the racing fleet schedule for the season, provide the NOR and Sailing Instructions, oversee and promote race registration, confirm the Race Committee details, organize Skipper's meetings and Award events, and oversee the statistics for the races

Race Committee, Susan Watkins - trains her committee to properly execute the race instructions and communicate to all the sailors on the water

Fleet Captain- Small Boats, Vedran Vicevic - plans and implements the monthly Sugden Sunday with the teaching aspect, sailing on small boats on Lake Avalon and picnic activities

Get involved today by reaching out to the respective Vice Commodores or any of the committee leaders.

We have a great group of volunteers on our **Communications Team for GCSC** and need of a few more skilled supporters. Email or call **Vicki Livingston** at ylivingston33@gmail.com or 414 688 9000 if you want to get involved!

Other members of the Communication Team include:

Newsletter Luff N' Laugh - Jonnie Westerop

Facebook- Rosanne Smith

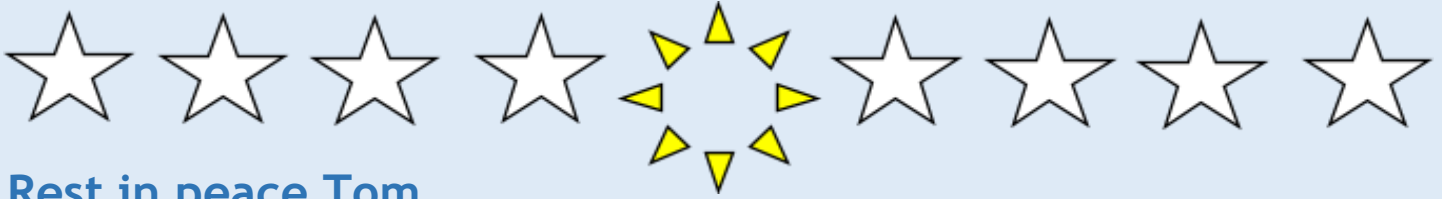
Photography - Roseanne Smith, Frank & Mae Brown, Jonnie Westerop

Writers - Alison O'Reilly, Vicki Livingston, Juanita Carlson

Meet Up, Surveys and Media Database (now doing flyers too!) - Maurice Scully and Vicki Livingston

Website Development - Cliff Elam

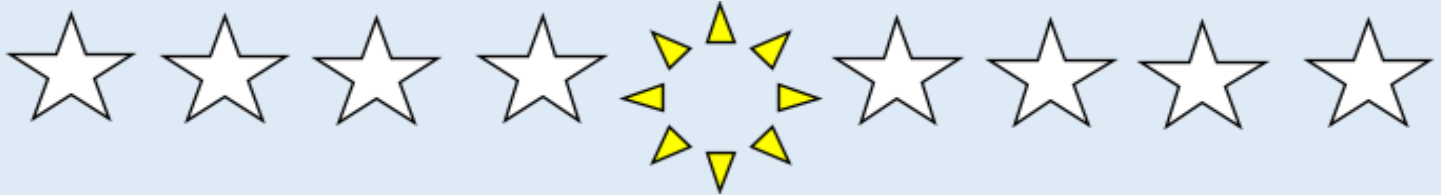
Vicki Livingston (oversight) and Chuck Downton (Rear Commodore) leadership. Join us!!



Rest in peace Tom.

One of our past Commodore's passed away in April - Thomas Gross was a big part of our club. Rest in peace friend.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/naplesnews/obituary.aspx?pid=19605781>



Greetings from US Sailing!. As a graduate of a US Sailing Basic Cruising or Bareboat Cruising Course, we think that this important information and offer will be of specific interest to you.

We are excited to announce the release of the new [Online International Safety at Sea](#) (Units 11-15), which completes the suite of online courses in the Safety at Sea curriculum. Some of you may have already taken our Coastal Safety at Sea Course or the Offshore Safety at Sea Course either in-person or online.

Sailors who do any kind of coastal or offshore sailing, especially on a Caribbean charter, Great Lake passage, or an overnight hop down the coast should be prepared to handle situations that may occur unexpectedly. Our Online Safety at Sea Courses will give you plenty of safety tips and training for any kind of sailing you may undertake.

Units 1-10 include:

- crew overboard;
- marine weather;
- emergency communications;
- personal safety equipment;
- crew health;
- signals and more

The new International Safety at Sea Course covers:

- fire safety;
- heavy weather;
- storm sails;
- damage control;
- life raft and survival

US Sailing is committed to providing access to education and resources to ensure all sailors are prepared to safely and effectively manage coastal and offshore sailing emergencies.

We are now offering access to our Online Safety at Sea courses as a special US Sailing membership benefit. Join, renew, or extend your membership for access to the following:

- **Two-year \$120 US Sailing Individual Membership** now includes free access to the new Online International Safety at Sea (Units 11-15), valued at \$50 - this is perfect if you have already taken the Online Offshore Safety at Sea Units 1-10.
- **Three-year \$160 US Sailing Individual Membership** now includes free access to all 15 Units: Online Offshore Safety at Sea plus the new Online International Safety at Sea, valued at \$135. Perfect for anyone who has yet to begin Safety at Sea training – share this offer with a friend or family member.

To access these special membership packages, please click on the links above or use promo code: **AprSaS**

By joining or renewing your membership, you are making a substantial commitment to strengthen our sport and support sailors across the country. US Sailing membership benefits include **access to education courses and seminars** to sharpen your skills and knowledge, **connects your Safety at Sea training to your US Sailing Member ID, specialized crew medical insurance** with worldwide coverage through Gowrie Group, the ability to **track your US Sailing certification history** through your membership profile, and the **ability to apply for an International Proficiency Certificate** if you plan on chartering abroad. This is reserved for those who have completed US Sailing Certified Training through Bareboat Cruising.

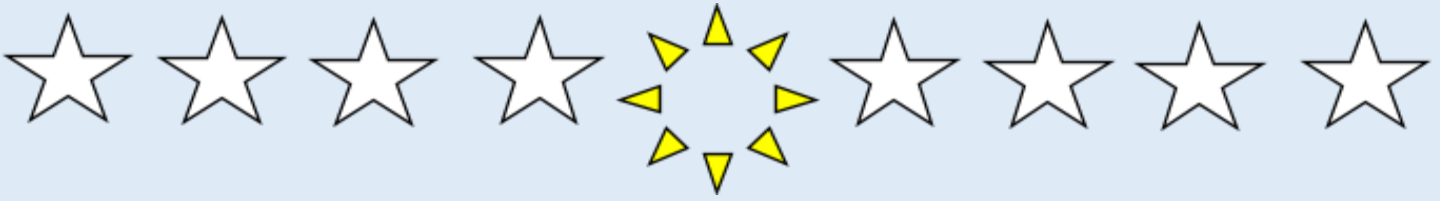
Please help support our work to keep sailors safe across the country. We look forward to getting out on the water with you again soon and thank you for your commitment to our sport and US Sailing.

Thank you,

Betsy Alison

Director of Adult Programs, US Sailing





Jerry Pim Memorial Regatta - ESTABLE AFTERNOON SAILING REGATTA!

From Captain James Gallagher, CMCS

Congrats to Bobby and the Finnegans!

And thank you to the Beauvois and Gallagher families.

Here is a **virtual cheers** from Carol to all the participants, volunteers and spectators!



Bloody Mary Brunch, Spring 2020 style, CMCS Year of the Grog --
Jason

To all Sailors,

We had an absolutely splendid day on the water yesterday. At one point someone noted on the radio that the gulf had turned to diamonds. It was the perfect wind, creating the perfect ripples, with the perfect afternoon sun glittering off the water.



There were four sailors who competed in the singlehanded class - this is the true test. And the winner was **Bobby Lee** who is turning 80! He and **Carol Pim** led us with a few words between races to remember those that came before and specifically one of the **club founders, Jerry Pim**. The rest of this elite class included **Art Schuller**, **Tom Horner**, and **John Churchill**.

Then there were 15 boats competing in the double handed class. I posted the results but there were many questions regarding ratings! But who cares, we all got to sail in a big group of boats and enjoy a perfect day. **John and Anita Finnegan** were the winners - and note that he was racing with his dinghy hanging from the davits!

Hats off to the race committee - **Mark Beauvois**, well done!

I'd also like to thank our **Commodore, Jim Slager** who came to view the proceedings from Salty Soul. Incredibly, we had seven boats in the fleet that don't normally race. WOW! I hope all had a great time and will be back. And we had even more boats that signed up but could not get to the start line for some reason. We even had fans out to watch on a pontoon boat!

Thanks again to all.

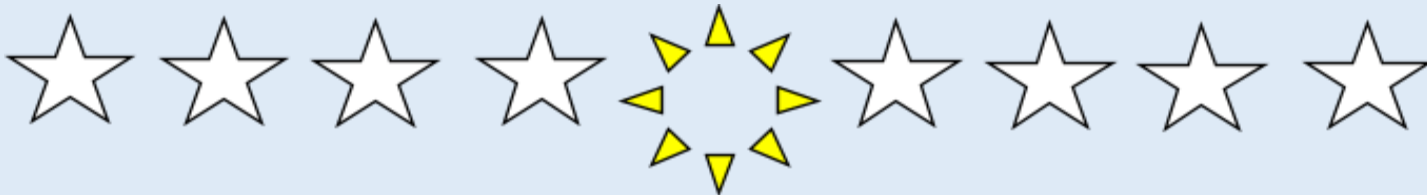
Captain James - Rear Commodore of Racing



James and Amy Gallagher - Beneteau 423

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GULF COAST SAILING CLUB MEMBERSHIP -

Now is the best opportunity to renew your membership for the 2019 - 2020 sailing season and be included in the new membership directory. The annual dues are \$95 for adults and their family members, and \$20 for full time students. **You can now renew and pay on-line at**

www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org/join/ with your credit card utilizing the PayPal link on the website. Otherwise, please send completed membership form and check payable to Gulf Coast Sailing Club to: Gulf Coast Sailing Club, Attn: Membership, PO Box 2121, Naples, FL 34106-2121.

Please contact Terry Nauck, Membership Chair, at **membership@gulfcoastsailingclub.org** if you have any questions.