



UP-THE-CREEKER

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BURNT STORE ISLES BOAT CLUB, INC.

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Commodore's Homeport



Frank Wiechec, Commodore

The "Homestretch", the Holiday Season, call it what you will. This is the time of the year that our homes and community always look the best. Decorations will soon appear on homes – both streetside and waterside – and on boats. With more and more people staying close to home during the holidays, let's all get out and make our waterways a beautiful sight when cruising the canals and let's give the homeowners a treat by decorating the boats.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel several day trips due to lack of participation and/or interest. With fuel prices being what they are and not lessening, it is hard to go boating "just for the fun of it" or "just for lunch" but many of these trips can be organized for automobile trips. Let us all check the upcoming events for maximum participation, either by boat or auto.

Participation, or lack of, was very ap-

parent during our last canal clean-up. Please read Max Reese's (our Garbologist) article in this edition of UTC. This is our home and community and we should all do our part.

Those that attended the Fleet Captain's Ball enjoyed a great meal and wonderful music. It is great to see a large party go on until the music stops and the place closes. I hope the up and coming Holiday Party and the Change of Watch Dinner will be attended by all. Please try to make the Annual Meeting, Nov. 8th at noon for lunch and 1:30 for the meeting at the Shell Factory.

"Admiral Allie" and I wish all members of BSIBC a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season. It has been our great pleasure to have served the Boat Club these past 2 years and it could not have been done without the help of all the officers, directors, and committee members that have contributed so much. Thank You!

Frank Wiechec.
Commodore

**Boating's Alive
in 2005**





Jack Leming *Vice Commodore & Safety Officer*

Well here it is November and we've gone pretty much unscathed during hurricane season. Thank God..... I'm not sure I could take another one and I'm sure that many others feel the same. Now for some safety issues.....

The recent tragedy in Lake George where a tour boat capsized causing the loss of many lives should make us all stop and reflect on some safety points that need to be heeded. While the government investigators have indicated that it will take many months to determine the cause of this tragedy, in my mind, it was no doubt caused by either overloading of the vessel or by improper balancing of the load. In either case, the result proved fatal and the sad part is that the situation could and should have been avoided.

Two key points should be taken from this tragedy:
Never test the limits of your boat by overloading it with passengers and gear
Make sure that your life jackets are **READILY** available

A second safety issue that I would like to address is the possibility of having a fire aboard your vessel. This comes to mind after having witnessing a fire on a vessel during the recent Spirit of Punta Gorda day. Trust me, it was a scary event for a brief but all too long moment.

What happened was one of the dinghys, which was tied up to five boats in a rafting situation, caught fire upon starting the engine. The dinghy was fully engulfed in flames and for those of us who saw it, we feared for everyone involved. Surely we thought that the other boats and dinghys would ignite. Due to the quick reaction of several people onboard one of the vessels, the fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Key points about this event and probably any fire situation are:

- Don't panic
- Have a suitable fire extinguisher **READILY** available
- Aim the extinguishing agent at the **BASE** of the fire

Other points to be noted in fighting a fire are:

- Call for help or have someone call for help as soon as possible
- Use an appropriate response based on the type of fire:
 - Don't fight electrical or grease fires with water
 - Use an extinguisher with the proper rating for the fire being fought
 - Smother the fire when possible
- Evacuate the scene when it becomes clear that you are losing the battle

My sincere hope is that none of us experience tragedies such as these, but if we do, we have the foresight to deal with them in an appropriate and responsible way. Finally, a good rule of thumb is that the captain and first mate should make everyone aware of the location of both life jackets and fire extinguishers on board the boat before leaving the dock.

As a lead off on the education front for the new year, the Boat Club is sponsoring a CPR training class to be held on January 14, 2006. Classes are conducted by my wife, Eileen, who is a certified American Red Cross trainer.

Course takes 3 to 4 hours to complete and is done in one session

Cost is \$5.00 per person (American Red Cross administration fee). Other costs are picked up by the Boat Club

This training is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested. This is especially true for our Cruise Directors who routinely lead large groups to various venues where knowledge of CPR may be beneficial.

Members who are interested are asked to contact Eileen Leming by phone at 637-3966 or by e-mail at jlemjcl@aol.com.

Jack Leming, Vice Commodore



Notes from the Secretary - Gary Brewster

Our Club currently has 247 memberships, or 479 people. There have been 2 new memberships since publication of the last *Up The Creeker*. Please use the following to update your Directory. New members are:

Tom Kasprzak & Kathleen Pease John & Nancy Prafke
3607 South Crete Dr. 240-2699 3812 St. Girons Dr. 639-0804

As changes or corrections are needed for the Directory, please report them to me in order to update our database. **On page 14, please find the 2006 Membership Renewal form. In order to get our 2006 Directory to the printer in a timely manner, please return as soon as possible with any changes since the 2005 Directory.**

BSIBC has again signed a cooperative agreement with Boat US. Under this agreement, we get membership in Boat US for \$9.50 instead of the regular fee of \$19. Our group number is **GA82305B**. Use this number in renewing or obtaining membership.

Notes from the Board: BSIBC Board of Directors met on 8/14/2005.

- Board welcomed Jim O'Donnell as Director replacing Charlie Bunyan
- Susan Hallman gave the Treasurer's Report: Net income YTD \$2509.51, giving us cash on hand of \$13,404.77.
- Vice Commodore Leming reported we had 13 participants in the first CPR class.
- A new, revised Float Plan is being implemented.
- Webmaster Tom Murphy reported we have purchased web hosting and domain names for BSIBC.com and BSIYC.com; we will migrate.
- The Board agreed to affiliate with Yachting Clubs of America with reciprocal privileges at clubs around the US (see article below).
- Spirit of Punta Gorda asked us to participate in their 8/13 celebration.
- Liability Insurance was taken off the table since we are protected by Florida Statute 768.1355, Florida Volunteer Protection Act.

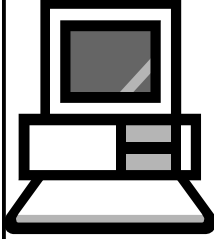
BSIBC Joins Yachting Club of America

The BSIBC Board of Directors has decided to affiliate with the Yachting Club of America, a national association in existence since 1963. YCA is a membership organization dedicated to the advancement of yachting. As an affiliated club, each member of BSIBC has a reciprocal relationship with other members nationwide. Members of BSIBC, through previous affiliations, have used their membership to enjoy privileges at numerous other clubs - from Hawaii to Florida. Individual membership cards will be available to each BSIBC member in the near future.

To learn more about Yachting Club of America and to view a list of registered clubs, please visit their website at www.ycaol.com. The "members only" section may be accessed by BSIBC members by using the following login:

User ID: club1040
Password: y100446c

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Website Master Tom Murphy

Our website continues to serve our membership and is recording an average of 12 hits per day since the hit counter was installed on February 24th. Today as I write this message we have 24 recorded hits for the day.

We have been working on the new website address BSIBC.COM but we have hit a few snags. The big problem is that we have been unable to get the event photos to display properly. We will solve the problem; it is just a matter of time. In the meantime our original site www.sunline.net/boatclub is fully up to date and working just fine.

Members have been effectively using the item 4 sale page and getting their items sold. The page will now support up to 9 photographs of the items being offered.

The 2006 Tide charts will be posted and work

ing during the month of December. An article about putting low cost satellite TV on your boat has been posted to the cruising page. It essentially uses a standard home style dish and related electronics. The Bahamas cruising pages also continues to evolve with new and interesting information. Our fishing pages are waiting for you to catch that big one.

Lastly, we want to encourage your input to the website to make it a reflection of our membership and their boating experiences. We welcome your waterfront dining, cruising, boat maintenance and other boating experiences that you are willing share with our members. Fuel prices may be up but it is still pretty reasonable to surf the web, splash some water in your face and engage in virtual boating!

Tom Murphy
Webmaster

Will this be the last issue??? The Boat Club needs a new publisher for the Up the Creeker. How about YOU???

The Boat Club needs a volunteer to publish the Up-the-Creeker beginning in January. I will provide all kinds of help, encouragement, instruction, wine...what ever is needed!. This is a way to help the Boat Club from the comfort of your own home. It's not hard and very rewarding. If you are interested, please call **Lynn Stanleigh for more information. 575-2161.**





Log Book *Paul Hillebrand, Fleet Captain*

I begin this log entry with the overnight cruise to the Palm Island destination on July 11. Eleven boats participated, led by Don and Susan Hallman. The trip was enjoyed by all even though it was cut a day short due to impending bad weather. Bob Gurreri's small boat cruise to meet the Palm Island cruisers at Tween Waters for lunch was a fun day together. We ate outside and, although it was very warm, we enjoyed the food and friendship. Quite a few ventured into the pool and the Gulf waters to cool off.

Mac McDermott's August 31st picnic to Don Pedro Island was rescheduled for October 12, but, unfortunately, it again was cancelled due to red tide. Mary and Chuck Will's overnight cruise to Cape Harbor on September 13-14 was attended by six boats. Howard Elkin led the small boat group (by car) to join them for lunch at Rum Runners Café. It is a very elegant spot and we all enjoyed the luncheon and surroundings.

John Jokerst's Rum Bay trip on Septmeber 27th was another trip cancelled due to red tide. John has kindly agreed to lead the Club to the Fishery on November 10th. This is one of our favorite spots and we expect a good turnout.

The Boat Club cruise directors and the social committee have many functions planned for the remainder of the year. I would like to see a good turnout for these functions. The members responsible for producing these activities put a lot of time and effort into them. Please check this Up-the-Creeker for dates and plan to join for fun and friendship.

In closing, Nan and I thank everyone who attended the Fleet Captain's dinner dance. As

always, Dot Minzer and her entire entertainment committee did a superb job. The music, food and entertainment skit were all wonderful. I hope all of you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you for this evening of recognition, and my thanks to my cruise directors, who really do all the work.

Thank you,
Paul Hillebrand

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A hard copy of the 2006 Registry, in which we will be listed, will be obtained by BSIBC for your use when it becomes available in December. Until then, please use their website to learn more.

Individual membership cards will be available within the next few weeks. If you need yours before they are distributed, for use while visiting another member facility, please contact Gary Brewster at 639-3378 or gbrewster@earthlink.net to get a temporary card.

Grandma's Attic

Kathy Schrader is our Grandma in the attic.

We have a tremendous shortage of items for babies and toddlers. Please call Kathy at 505-0658 if you have something to loan or if you need an item for visitors.



Max Reese - Chief Garbologist

While the post-Charlie cleanups were supported with gusto, it now appears to me that our neighborhood is becoming complacent when it comes to cleaning our waterways. The last BSI cleanup, Sept 13, was supported by eight people with three boats. We have the canals divided into six sections and the ideal complement includes six boats. In this case, one boat took three sections, another two, and the third one, plus an assist on the mangroves south of the dock. This turnout certainly made for a long cleanup day on the part of our volunteers

The following Saturday the BSIBC supported the county on the annual Coastal cleanup - our area was Alligator Creek from the lock to the harbor. For this event, we had six people with two boats show . The first boat developed pos

sible engine problems. The second boat cleaned the majority of Alligator Creek, getting back to the dock after 3pm. The amount of debris collected was just at 1000 lbs. See picture below.

Coastal Cleanup Sept. 17, 2005



I was personally saddened by the inconsideration of some of the larger boats underway in the creek. With our bow in the mangroves, debris stacked up over our heads in the rear, and waving my arms for the boats to slow, we endured their cruising wakes.

While some of our regular volunteers indicated they would be out of town during this period, I reckon that I am somewhat disappointed in our neighbors' response in support of this community service. I see small boats all over BSI - - I wonder if this now falls under the category of 'who cares'?

Max Reese, Chief Garbologist



Next Canal Cleanup

December 6

**Contact Max Reese
Chief Garbologist
639-3570**



UPCOMING EVENTS ! CUT THIS PAGE OUT AND SAVE IT!

BSIBC GENERAL MEETING LUNCHEON - NOV. 8, 2005

Contact: Fran Koon 505-9810 or Dot Minzer 637-7742

Reservation Deadline: November 2

Advertised in separate flyer mailed in October

UNCLE HENRY'S MARINA - 3 NIGHTS - NOV. 9, 10, 11

Cruise Director: Corby LeSiege 505-7932

Reservation Deadline: November 3

FISHERY LUNCHEON CRUISE - NOVEMBER 10

Cruise Director: John Jokerst - 505-7895

Reservation Deadline: November 8, 2005

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE - DECEMBER 3

Contact Judy Johnson 505-1456 or Karen Totten 505-1687

First Come Basis - Call Now

HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 4, 2005

Contact Judy Johnson 505-1456 or Priscilla Gioia, 639-0468

Reservation Deadline: November 23, 2005

BSI LIGHTED BOAT PARADE - DECEMBER 15

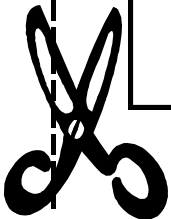
Contact: Bob Gurreri 505-0435

Reservation Deadline: December 14

HARPOON HARRY'S - DECEMBER 20

Cruise Director: Jeff Ziemer 505-9666

Reservation Deadline: December 13



UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED !

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER DECEMBER 31, 2005

Reservation Deadline: December 9, 2005

Contact: Dot Minzer 637-7742 or Jan Bossert 575-8683

CHANGE OF WATCH JANUARY 18, 2006

Reservation Deadline: January 4, 2006

Contact: Priscilla Gioia 639-0468 or Eileen Leming 637-3966

UNCLE HENRY'S MARINA

3-NIGHTS

NOVEMBER 9, 2005

Join your boat club friends for a three-night stay at Uncle Henry's Marina located on the north end of Gasparilla Island. The marina has stationary docks with finger piers and tie off pilings in a very well protected basin. Uncle Henry's Marina is located one and a half miles west of the ICW on the south side of the Gasparilla Island Causeway. The entrance channel is located between the old railroad trestle and the causeway between markers R22 and G21 on the ICW.

Great restaurants in town or on the beach
Bring your dinghy and/or bikes



Golf cart rentals available (\$100.00) per day
Car rentals also available starting at \$35.00
Room for 12 boats (\$1.75/ft)



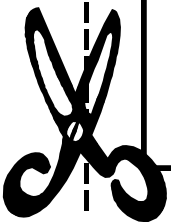
Skippers/First Mates Meeting:

Friday, November 4, 2005

10:00 a.m. 3985 San Pietro Court

Cruise Directors: Corby & Terry LeSiege
505-7932

Reservation Deadline: Thurs., November 3
Provide boat name, length, beam, and power requirements



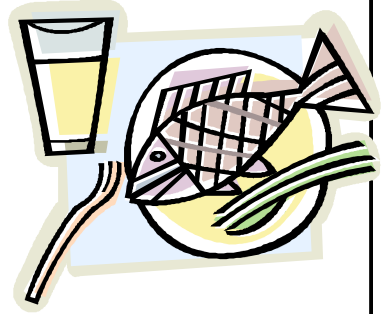
Fishery Luncheon Cruise **Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005**

Welcome home, summer travelers!

This is one of our favorite cruises whether by boat or car.

By car: take Rt. 776, left onto Rte. 771 to the Fishery.

By boat: rendezvous at scenic south reef, pass Marker 5 in all its majesty, travel north on the ICW past the only island in Southwest Florida that is a rookery for the rare white pelican and finally gaze at the Boca Grande Bridge as we turn into the Fishery channel.



After “Old Florida Waterfront Dining” there will be time for shopping. What a deal!! If you would like to travel on one of our boats in the flotilla, let me know and we will get you a ride.

**Skippers’ Meeting:
November 9, 2005
Wednesday, 10 AM
549 Madrid Blvd.**

**Cruise Director, John Jokerst 505-7895
Reservation Deadline:
Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

BSIBC Historian - Paul Bankson



The 2004 BSIBC Album is available for anyone who wishes to borrow it. All of the events in the album are also available on CDs.

You can view the CDs on your computer. If you have a DVD player that will read “jpeg” files (most of the newer ones do), you can view them on your TV set.

You can also borrow albums dating back to the mid - 90’s, as well as CDs for some events in 2002 and 2003.

To borrow any of these items contact me @ 505.5552 or @ bankson2@comcast.net

**Annual City of Punta Gorda Lighted Boat Parade
Aboard the Kingfisher's Good Times II
Saturday, December 3, 2005**

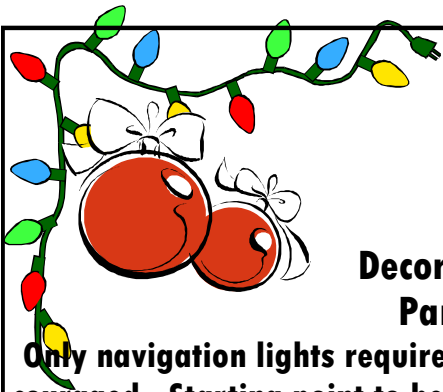


Boarding at 5 p.m. Fisherman's Village

**Make check payable to BSIBC and deliver to
Karen Totten 571 Toulouse Dr. 505-1687
Judy Johnson 3926 San Pietro Ct. 505-1456
Your check is your reservation**

**Cost: \$24.00 per person
Includes Boat Ride, Food, Tip for the Crew
Dress Warm - Bring Your Own Drinks**

This is a VERY POPULAR event. Reserve your spot ASAP.



**Lighted Boat Parade through BSI Canals
December 15, 2005 - 7:00 PM**

**Decorate your boat and crew! Join in the festivities!
Parade through the canals of Burnt Store Isles!**

Only navigation lights required; however, Holiday lights and boat decorations are encouraged. Starting point to be determined based on number of boats.

*Reservation Deadline & Skippers' Meeting - December 14
496 Macedonia Drive @ 10:00 AM
Cruise Director: Bob Gurreri - 505-0435*

Please consider decorating the canal side of your home for this event and the Holiday season.





Holiday Party December 4, 2005

**PORTO BELLO AT LATITUDES,
BURNT STORE MARINA**

1800 (6:00): Cocktails & Hor d'oeuvres & cash bar
Mini-Swedish Meatballs, Vegetable Spring Rolls, Chicken Teriyaki Skewers
1900 (7:00) Dinner -

Your choice of the following:
Grilled Salmon Filet w/Burbina Sauce or Slow Roasted Salt Encrusted Prime Rib
Au Jus or Chicken Francoise in Lemon White Wine Sauce w/Artichokes,
Served with: Caesar Salad, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls & Butter,
Tiramisu & Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda



Music by Sonny & Sable of Yesterday

Suggested Dress: Semi-Formal
\$38.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 23, 2005
To reserve a table for 6, 8, or 10 (no larger), checks for everyone MUST be submitted at the same time. Tables of 10 are limited. Please use the form below and make checks payable to BSIBC. Deliver to Judy Johnson, 3926 San Pietro Court 505-1456 or Priscilla Gioia, 3492 Tripoli Blvd. 639-0468

Reservation Form HOLIDAY PARTY December 4, 2005



Captain _____

Menu choice: Salmon ___ Beef___ Chicken_____

First Mate _____

Menu choice: Salmon ___ Beef___ Chicken_____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Check here if you are a new member _____

New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner Celebration - December 31, 2005



Cocktails: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Dinner: 8:30 - 11:00 Pm
Dessert: 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Dress: "Nice Casual"



Reservation Deadline - December 9
Limited to 100 people - First Come, First Served
Your Check is Your Reservation
Cost \$25.00 per person
Price covers cost of drinks, dinner meat, coffee, dessert,
and paper goods for the hosts

Hosts Needed for:

- Cocktail Parties - Must be able to accommodate 50 - 60 people
- Dinners - 6, 8, or 10 diners per home
- Dessert and New Year's Eve Celebration - Must be able to accommodate total group of 100

Call Dot Minzer (637-7742) to volunteer to be a host

Everyone Attending Must Help!

- Each couple, except hosts of the cocktail party, dinners or dessert, must bring an Hors d'oeuvre to the cocktail party (6-8 portion). Items such as chips and pretzels don't count!
- Hosts of dinner will prepare beef tenderloin (provided by Club) and will decide who will bring vegetable, potato, or salad.

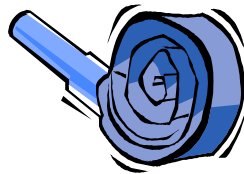
Cocktail and dinner groups will be formed by pulling names out of a hat. These "mix and mingle" groupings are what make the evening so much fun! When all reservations are in, guests will be notified as to their group assignments.

Make checks out to BSIBC and bring to:

Dot Minzer
3432 Tripoli Blvd.
637-7742

or

Jan Bossert
632 Madrid Blvd.
575-8683



New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner Party Saturday, December 31, 2005

Captain _____

First Mate _____

Phone No: _____

Check No: _____

I am willing to be a host _____ (Cocktail Party, Dinner, End of Evening)



~~~~~Goin' on a Sea Cruise~~~~~

Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Change of Watch
Wednesday, January 11, 2006

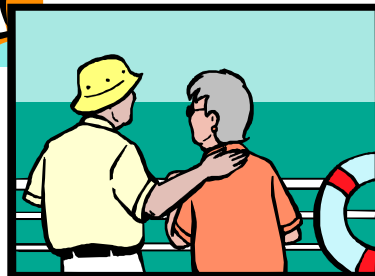
Join your fellow club members for a Cruise Party
as we usher in our new officers for 2006

Hurricane Harry's

3448 Marinatown Lane, North Fort Myers

South on 41 to Hancock Bridge Parkway (just before the Ft. Myers bridge). Walgreen's is on the corner. Turn right. Hurricane Harry's is the next left turn. (Watch for sign on left.)

5:00 – 6:00 – Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) with Appetizer Table
6:00 – Change of Watch Ceremony followed by Dinner and Entertainment



Buffet Menu

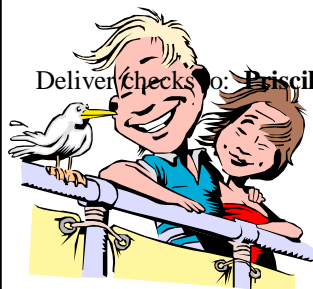
Baked Grouper w/Lobster Cream Sauce
Sliced Prime Rib of Beef with Au Jus
Roasted Chicken with Chef's Marsala Wine Sauce
Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Chef's Scalloped Potatoes - Sautéed Vegetable Medley
Homemade Dinner Rolls and Butter - Chef's Assorted Homemade Desserts - Soft Drinks, Tea, and Coffee

Cost: \$32.00 Per Person

Entertainment: Mark Dupuy

Suggested Dress: Cruise Wear

Reservation Deadline: Jan. 4, 2006



Make Check Payable to BSIBC
Deliver checks to: Priscilla Gioia 3492 Tripoli Blvd. 639-0468 or Eileen Leming 319 Segovia Dr. 637-3966

BSIBC Change of Watch
"Goin' on a Sea Cruise" Party
January 11, 2006

Captain _____
Amt. Enclosed _____

First Mate _____
Check No. _____

BSIBC ANNUAL DUES FOR 2006

In accordance with provisions in our bylaws, Article IV, Section 5, Item C, annual dues are due and payable by **December 31** each year. For 2006, dues remain at \$20 for family or \$15 for single members.

Year 2006 dues are not required for new members joining on or after September 1, 2005. Members who have not paid their membership dues by January 15 each year shall be dropped from membership on January 15th and will not be listed in the Club Directory. Reinstatement of membership for anyone dropped for non-payment may be made by the Board; however, listing in the Club Directory may not be possible.

This serves as the official notice required by our By Laws, delinquency notices will not be sent.

Please make checks payable to **“B.S.I.B.C.”** and mail to **Post Office Box 510203, Punta Gorda FL 33951-0203**. Dues may also be paid at our Annual Meeting on November 8. Renewal forms (below) will be available at the meeting.



PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN FORM BELOW

BSIBC Membership Renewal for 2006

Please fill out and return with your dues. Please note any changes for the Directory.

NAME(S) _____

CHECK # _____ DATE _____

AMOUNT: \$20 _____ FAMILY \$15 _____ SINGLE

OTHER: **PLEASE PRINT** If your information has **CHANGED** since the 2005 Directory, please note the changes here (Address, phone, e-mail, boat name, LOA, FL/DOC #, etc.) If there are no changes, please leave this section blank.

Beginning in 2005, we began adding cell phone numbers to our directory. If you would like yours included, please list your **primary** cell number (phone carried on the boat):

CELL: _____

The nominating committee has put forward the following list of candidates for 2006

Commodore - Jack Leming

Vice Commodore - John Jokerst

Rear Commodore - Frank Bichlmeier

Fleet Captain - Paul Hillebrand

Secretary - Ron Lewis

Treasurer - John Bates

Board of Directors:

Jim O' Donnell

Tom Murphy

Frank Wiechec (past Commodore)

*Voting will take place at the General Meeting on November 8, 2005
Capt'n Fishbones Restaurant at the Shell Factory*

Pictures provided by our Historian, Paul Bankson Top: Fleet Captain's Dance Below: Rum Runners Luncheon



Nancy and Paul Hillebrand



Max and Ann Reese



Tom and Joyce Farmer



Jim and Micky O'Donnell

Check out our web site:

www.sunline.net/boatclub

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575-2450 or zippertom@comcast.net



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