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WEBSITE NEWS

Be sure to read Ron Frazier's update (below) about the website.

Future Updates



I will be sending out timely updates in conjunction with our E-version of the UTC and website updates.

Dear Dotti,

June is one of my favorite months. It must be the memories of kicking off shoes, stashing school books, putting on play clothes, spending long sunny days drinking Kool Aid and playing with the neighborhood kids. Come to think of it, those childhood memories are now my present life again!

What a fun time we've had between Commodore's Ball, visiting Cabbage Key, and having drinks with our neighbors at the mixer...we've just traded Kool Aid for something a little harder! Don't miss our Raft Out June 20th! Doug Rhees is handling the details so be sure to give him a call. You're even allowed to kick off your shoes and wear your play clothes.

I've asked our Flag Officers and Board members to talk about boating safety for our summer edition of UTC. Most of us are seasoned boaters, but I bet all of us have said at one time, "Even though I knew better, I allowed it anyway". Sometimes we get busy, sometimes we just don't think, sometimes we get complacent and someone gets hurt.

If you're new to our neighborhood, please take time to learn about our waters. Talk to other members before venturing out to a new destination. Ask for Way Points! Check the tide charts! Check the weather forecast! We have a lot of shallow areas and some areas with idiosyncrasies that our seasoned members could let you know about.

Make sure everyone on your boat knows where the life jackets, throw cushion and first aid kit are before you venture out. Anyone under the age of 6 has to wear a life jacket at all times. Anyone who can't swim should wear a life jacket at all times. Nothing like leaning over the boat to look at that stingray, dolphin, or manatee and find yourself in the water!

Have a packed "emergency" bag that you grab before getting on

Stay tuned..... "
Sue Bareither,
Secretary



your boat. In the bag should be sunblock, a bottle of water, a sturdy knife, towels, and a large pair of water shoes. If you've run aground and someone needs to get off the boat to help push it back into the water, insist they wear the water shoes. If someone or something gets tangled in your anchor line you have a knife to cut the line.

Check your first aid kit and replace any medications that have expired. Maybe add some bottles of alcohol and vinegar in case someone gets stung. Restock bandages.

Check your flares! It is possible to become stranded in the water and help can't reach you until nightfall.

Make sure someone besides you knows how to use the radio in case of an emergency.

Join Boat US or Sea Tow. One tow can cost years worth of premiums.

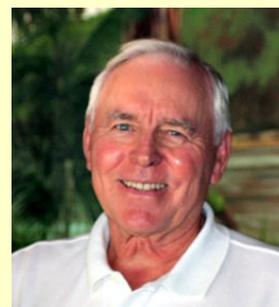
And, before you say, "I already know all of this." realize your own Commodore spent Mother's Day in the emergency room because she allowed herself and her son to walk a deserted beach barefooted. My son had to have his big toe stitched back together. Yea, I did know better and allowed it anyway. The guilt is killing me!

Kathy Williamson, Commodore



→ FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Ahoy from your Fleet Captain. Here's a few comments about our latest boating events and upcoming ones. I have had a great time this year. Why? Because I have been to every boating event this year except kayaking. If you are not attending, you are missing a lot of fun.



POKER RUN, March 13. Seven boats made the trip around the canals culminating the event at TICC for the awards dinner. Tom Svehia had a king high full house to win. If you weren't there you missed Cruise Director Richard Coates' Elvis Presley impression of a song Richard wrote for the occasion.

KAYAK TRIP, March 15. Seventeen kayakers had a scenic paddle up the Peace River. Thanks to Bill Van Ooyen, Cruise Director.

BURNT STORE MARINA DAY TRIP, March 28. Seven boats made the easy trip with a total of 38 people aboard for a nice lunch and return trip. Paul Hillebrand Cruise Director.

NAVIGATOR DAY TRIP, April 24. Cruise Director Bob Gurreri led five boats and one Ski-doo up the Peace River for lunch. Thirty two people attended. What a pleasant trip that was. Having a smaller boat now I could make the trip and get it in my GPS track for future trips. Only hit the bottom once.

TWEEN WATERS OVERNIGHT/ GREEN FLASH LUNCH, May 8-10. Nine boats made it to TW for a great time. Some went on after for a few days to South Seas. Three couples drove and stayed overnight. Yours truly and Fran were the only ones to come for the traditional Green Flash lunch. No one saw the bulletin? Ed Minzer Cruise Director.

CABBAGE KEY LUNCH TRIP, May 22. The King Fisher shuttle hosted 35 BSIBC members for a leisurely ride to CK. There were lots of dolphins that had fun riding in our wake making it a photographer's delight. It was a pleasant day on the water. Corby LeSiege Cruise Director.

WHAT'S NEXT: CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AS IT GETS NEAR.

RAFT-UP, June 20. Doug Rhees has stepped up to take us for a sunset raft-up out in Charlotte Harbor between Alligator Creek marker one and the Fish Reef. We haven't had a trip like this for several years. Get your boat off the lift, pack it with your dinner, friends, and whatever and join in. Skipper's meeting June 19, 10 AM at Doug's. See the Flyer.

SOUTH SEAS OVERNIGHT, August 2,3, 4. Doug Rhees will Cruise Direct the event. Don't have a boat? Make reservations at the Marina and join in. A Flyer will come up as the date nears.

FISHERY DAY CRUISE, September 5th. We need a Cruise Director for this. How about somebody new that hasn't done it before. Call me 941-505-9810.

RUM BAY DAY CRUISE/ISLAND SHUTTLE, Oct. 19th. Rick Doll will Cruise Direct this trip. More details later.

RADIO PROCEDURES; We all know to monitor channel 16 when at sea. Did you know that if you have your radio on it is the law that you must monitor channel 16 when you are not actively engaged on another channel? Calls on channel 16 that are not related to distress or safety may be used for initial contact only to determine a working channel to be used. For instance when you are contacting a marina for docking once contact is made you will be referred to another channel . Calls on 16 are limited to 30 seconds, if no reply is received, a 2 minute pause must be observed before repeating the call. After three attempts (with 2 minute pauses) a 15 minute silence must be observed. This silence can be reduced to three minutes if it doesn't interfere with radio traffic. These rules do not apply to emergency situations.

Sea you later....

Art Koon, Fleet Captain



→ Vice Commodore

Check your Boating Safety Knowledge

Boat Safe Legally

Boating Safety Education I.D. Card

Any person born on or after January 1, 1988 must have in his/her possession a Boating Safety Education I.D. Card and photographic I.D. while operating any powered watercraft over 10hp including personal water craft.



The following qualifications exempt an operator from the requirement to hold license:

- Persons licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel
- Persons operating on a private lake or pond
- Operators who are accompanied on board by a person who is exempt from the education requirement or by a person who is at least 18 years old, possesses the required identification cards, and is attendant to the operation of the vessel and responsible for any violation that occurs
- Persons operating a vessel within 90 days after purchase who have a bill of sale on board and available for inspection

To acquire a Boating Safety Education I.D. Card there are numerous online sites. In general these courses take about four hours to complete and upon completion allow the printing of a temporary card. These courses might be just the thing for your grandchildren! Check out this one: <http://www.boat-ed.com/Florida/index.html>

Safe Boating

As we all know you must have the required US Coast Guard equipment for your boat and operate your vessel in a safe manner following the federal and state boating laws. Both the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron offer courses (when you pass the exam you receive your Boating Safety Education I.D. Card.)

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary offers an 8-hour class, "About Boating Safely", covering Introduction to Boating; Boating Law; Boat Safety Equipment; Safe Boating; Navigation; Boating Problems; Trailering, Storing, and Protecting Your Boat; and Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating. There is a charge for the course. Contact Tom Gramza via email at gramzauscgaux@yahoo.com or at 941.639.3811 for more information regarding the next class on October 13.

The Power Squadron offers an 8-hour 1-day course, "America's Boating Course", covering the basics of boat handling, aids to navigation, VHF radio, navigation rules and government regulations. A 12-hour 7-week class is also offered and additionally includes instruction on reading nautical charts, plotting courses, and an introduction to digital charts and computer navigation. There is a charge for materials. Contact the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron at 941.637.0766 for additional information and registration.

Di Kandis, Vice Commodore



→ Social Director

Hello Everyone!

By the time this reaches you, we will already have had the BSIA/BSIBC Golf Outing. Unfortunately, we did not have the large turnout we've had in the past. I expect to see more of you participating next year.....or else!!



The end of April brought a tribute to Kathy Williamson at the Commodores Ball. Kathy was presented with 2 local restaurant gift certificates in appreciation for the job she does for all of us! Thank you Kathy!

Mixers at Twin Isles Country Club are still in full swing during the summer months! Don't forget to make a reservation and bring your friends the first Friday of each month.

The 4th of July we will be joining our friends at Twin Isles Country Club for an "All American Buffet". Watch for the flyer and reservation form coming out in June. RESERVATIONS are a must! The deadline will be June 29th.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and I hope to see you soon.

Deborah Luedtke, Social Director



NEWS FROM OUR WEBMASTER, Ron Frazier

Greetings! We are now into the 4th month or so of the new website. I have had a tremendous amount of fun and frustration (it is a computer) building and adding to it. I have tried to make it interesting, easy to navigate and useful. The club membership directory is online. Available to those who have requested a username and password, it is accessed by clicking on the "members only" tab, entering the username and password in the appropriate boxes. Once at the members only page, click on the "membership

directory" link to get the directory in pdf format. It is alphabetical and you can use the "search" function, or scroll down to find the name you are looking for.

If you would like to access the member's directory send me an e-mail with your choice of username and password.

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Our Vice Commodore, Di has compiled a very useful tutorial on navigating the website. It can be accessed from the home page under the "need help" link.

There is also a "for sale" link on the home page. Use this link to advertise any marine items they may want to sell, trade or give away. Send me an e-mail with a description of the item(s), who to contact and a photo if desired.

Our Board of Directors ensure that I have all the up-to-date information to post for your access on the website. The calendar (accessed from the home page) is up-to-date with all the scheduled events.

If you have any difficulty with the website, suggestions for content or any comments, shoot me an e-mail and I will do what I can to help.



Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Fall edition of the UTC? If so, please email me (dotti@vaivodas.com) your suggestions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome! Enjoy your summer and get out and do some boating! I know we will!

Sincerely,

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