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**Up Coming  
Events**

**Holiday Party  
5 Dec**

**Boat Parade  
12 Dec**

**Change of  
Command  
16 Jan 16**

## Winterfest 2015 Boat Parade

This year's theme is "Fairy Tales Afloat"



The Boat Parade will stage on the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale, along the docks west of Stranahan House to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The Parade travels East to the Intracoastal Waterway as it continues North to Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach. It's 12 Miles of the "Greatest Show on water"

Private boats to the giant showboats and corporate mega-yachts will be adorned with hundreds of thousands of lights, music, entertainment, decorations, celebrities, musical groups, beauty queens and many other exciting entries expected to be viewed by over one million spectators. Parade highlights: Grand Marshal Showboat (Floridian Princess), Galleria Mall Reindeer Barge and the Baptist Health Santa Showboat.

Since June, our club has had a string of water related activities. Let us finish the year with a grand finally. Please plan to join the action and the fun.

Our SSSF spectator fleet will raft-up at Sunrise Bay which is just north of the Sunrise Bridge and the Coral Bay Yacht Club. Pat O'Brien's M/V "Irish Rose" will be the lead anchor boat. It has been suggested that all the power boats in the fleet anchor stern to the ICW and parade route. Sailboats can anchor bow to the ICW and secure the raft from swinging due to changes in the current or wind.

Captains: please note that you will get a cruising credit for taking members out for this event. There is still time to get credit for either 6 or 12 cruises to get a free membership for 6 credits or a membership and Change of Command dinner for 12 credits. Captains, if you plan to join the raft-up, please contact the Boat Owners Rep. Dick Linehan. For members who want to join the raft-up party and parade, please contact the Sailing Director Susan Cohoat.

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## Halloween Happening was a Ghoulish Fun Event by Lynette Beal

Bill Roberts was our Host. Bill, Lynette Beal, and Arlene Sprenger worked on the decorations to create a Halloween Wonderland!! A Big Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this party a huge success! Bill Roberts, Max Goldstein, Arlene Sprenger, Janet Pogozeleski, Diana Faure, and Robert Bettarel. Dick Linehan and Karen Foster took some great pictures. The Costume Contest Judges were Miriam Connell and Vince Giudice. The DJ Stephen Goddard played favorites like Thriller and the Monster Mash. We all had a Blast!!

### Costume Contest Winners:

**Funniest Costume:** Robert Bettarel in a Crazy Wig & Bill Roberts the Wizard of Bud Weiser!!

**Most Creative:** King & Queen of Hearts & the Mad Hatter- Stan Dekiel, Debi Hallmark, and Libby Hallmark!!

**Most Creepy:** Jim Price

**Most Sultry:** Karen Foster in Braids ready for Oktoberfest, Gabriella Manley a Fantastic Flapper, Cathy Childs as Marilyn Monroe, and masked Gayle Goddard in a white satin gown!!

**Best Costume:** April Hallmark as the Bumble Bee!!

### Photos by Terry Patterson – Dick Linehan



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## SSSF Change of Command January 16, 2016

By Lynette Beal - 2016 Commodore

The Invitations for the SSSF Annual Change of Command will be sent out the first week in December! This wonderful Event will be held January 16, 2016 at Lighthouse Point Yacht Club, 2701 NE 42nd Street, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064. Cocktails and Hors D'Oeuvres will be served at 6:00pm on the Veranda, a beautiful setting outside on the water.

The Change of Command is scheduled at 7:00pm. This is a ceremony of importance to the SSSF Club. The outgoing Board of Directors is thanked for their volunteer service to SSSF for the past year and the new Board of Directors is officially welcomed for the 2016 year! They receive their Badges and Flags!! SSSF volunteers will be recognized with a special gift for their assistance all year to help make SSSF Events successful. Captains Awards are also distributed. The Outstanding Member of the Year for 2015 will be announced and Captain of the Year!! Each year the Board determines if other Special Awards will be given.

Responses for the COC are due back by 1/7/16. SSSF Members Cost is \$40. The SSSF Club contributes \$25 per member this year to keep the price reasonable. Guests are charged \$65. Wonderful Appetizers will be served. The meal options include a choice of the following: Slow Roasted Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Grilled Salmon with Dill Sauce. The Dinner is scheduled at 7:30pm. Ebony Diaz of FoxWorth Productions will provide excellent singing and music for a great night of dancing!! This is a Formal Affair, Black Tie Optional.

We hope to see all or our SSSF Members support the COC and celebrate with the Outgoing and new SSSF Board of Directors!! Look for your invitation at the SSSF General Meeting in December or in the mail.

## 2015 COC Photos



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## From the Helm

Hello Sailing Singles,

Well, this is my last "From the Helm" and I can't say the year hasn't been interesting. And exhausting. I must admit I was a bit naïve going into the office. I had been on the Board of Directors for 12 years and observed other commodores handle the position, so naturally I assumed I could do the same. Who could have predicted all the challenges that we were going to face? I am definitely not going to ignore my Magic 8 Ball next time.



So, while we will be handing out gifts to the volunteers at the Change of Command, I do want to make special mention of a select few members. There are so many "end-of-year" lists showing up in the media this time of year, I want to add mine to the pile. My personal thanks to:

Dick Linehan for taking over the newsletter, in addition to being Boat Owner's Representative. I have done double duty myself when the Newsletter Director resigned a few years ago, and I had to do that in addition to being a treasurer. It's a LOT of work and we're lucky to have someone willing to take on the extra duties (including handling the new club computer and enhancing our meetings with slideshows). All this took hours and hours of work and it reflects his dedication the club.

Peter Wilkinson for acting as our Master-at-Arms and Mediator. I know all clubs have disagreements, but we seem to have been saving up ours for some time until we reached critical mass and then they all came at once. Our America's cup runneth over. And how did we handle all these problems? Well, Peter helped us arbitrate through all of it, which was above and beyond what we ask of most volunteers.

Lynette Beal. If she's taking happy pills, I want a prescription. She has helped out at practically every event, even those not her responsibility, like the SOSs and the Peanut Island Luau. Her cheerfulness, positive attitude, and willingness to help whenever asked have made the year go by a lot more smoothly.

And Bill Roberts as well, as he does a lot of the physical work for our socials and is usually one of the last ones to leave. If you ever wonder who helps with all the setting up and putting away the tables, that would be him and Jim Price.

Finally, I want to thank my 2015 Board of Directors. Between grievances, special meetings, learning parliamentary procedures, resignations and more, we have put up with a lot, more than many of the previous Boards combined. But we persevered and had a lot of great activities (see last month's From the Helm) which shows how Sailing Singles can rise above our problems and still be a great club to be in.

My best wishes for the holiday season,

- Commodore Max

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## Captain's Log

## Capt. Kelly Dobbs



My marine career started in Northern Minnesota at the tender age of 8 at my family's 5 cabin fish camp. My job was mowing the lawn, cleaning fish and helping guest enjoy their stay, (I'm told I was very entertaining). I was paid \$0.10 cents a fish, which was more than enough income to purchase 6 gallons of gas and a quart of outboard oil a week.

My first boat was built by myself. It was a sailboat. I used an old door, tied two inner tubes to the underside. I got in trouble for using a broom handle, (I cut off a handle on a new broom) for the mast and a sheet I took off the laundry line. I did not know about a boom, sheets (other than for a sail) or a keel. But I set out to deep water and drifted until my grandmother was looking for me and my grandfather found me in the middle of the lake adrift. I was towed in and in trouble, (again).

My first power boat was a 14' fishing boat, powered with a 7.5 outboard. I was in my glory, cruising more than fishing. My older brother had a NACRA 5.0 cat that was real fast and real sailing.

After High school I tried collage at Fergus Falls JC, also known as Frost Bite Falls, MN. Remember, that is where Rocky and Bullwinkle went to school. I skipped a semester and was promptly drafted into the US Army. 4 days into my military service a big drill sergeant ask me what MOS (job training) I wanted and looking at this big board of schools, behind the sergeant, I said "Watercraft Operator, I'll take that one. The sergeant laughed and said sign here for an extra 4 years and I will make sure you get to that school. I will pass on the offer.

Well, after basic training I was amazed to be sent to Ft. Eustis, VA where I started Deckhand school for the US Army. My platoon sergeant pulled me aside and whispered in my ear, "Decline the next school, everyone who went to the next school and graduated, were shipped out to Vietnam and took command of a river boat. River boats were also know as sitting duck or target ducks with short life spans. I finished my 1 year, 5 months, 25 days and 13 hours in the service in Virginia Beach, VA, Ft. Story. I'm one lucky Vietnam era Vet, never served in Vietnam.




I moved to Florida in 1986 to follow a dream of being an Offshore Power boat Racer. But, became the manager of a series of boatyards including Old Port Cove and Rybovich and then with Rybovich Spencer.

Later I became a member of the marine industries Assn of Palm Beach, served on the board and later, president. Next, my dreams come true and went Offshore Power Boat Racing. I became the President of the Palm Beach Grand Prix Offshore Power Boat Festival. That was amazing and educational to say the least.

I have two World Speed records in Super Light Tunnel Boat class and a second place sail boat racing in a beer can race just recently.

4 years ago I heard thru a friend that a sailboat was sunk in his marina and is totaled. He suggested I call the insurance company and buy it, fix it up, and live on it. I did just that. Well after 5 weeks of phone tag, I got a call from a supervisor who said "YOU WILL BUY IT AS IS, WHERE IS, NO STRINGS? Yes I said. "How much?." She said \$1,000.00. I said on my way to your desk NOW! Now you know why my boat is called "The Grand." I have spent many more grand to date but, it is all worth it.

My next big adventure is joining the SSSF Board as Owners Rep. Then February 9, 2016 sail from Miami to Havana, in a SORC Race. And as Paul Harvey would say, "now you know the rest of the story."

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## December Birthdays

John Hansbrough - 12/1  
Peg Hilton - 12/5  
Janet Pogozeleski - 12/6  
William McLean - 12/7  
Douglas Noble - 12/11  
Larry Bryant - 12/16  
Holly Griffin - 12/16  
Thomas Mestrits - 12/18  
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## My Sailing Quarterly Video Library

Years ago, I had a subscription to Sailing Quarterly which was on VHS tapes. I have at least 12 tapes in my library. Each tape is comprised of about 10 minute segments containing visual and audio presentation on some aspect of sailing. I have already shown a video on testing four leading anchors in sand and then in sea grass at a general meeting. Most of the members present found the video interesting and useful.

At the December general meeting, I will show a video on a North Sails loft that manufactures 3 DL one piece sails and a look at a company that manufactures Carbon Fiber masts and spars. In 2016, I will be the Mainsheet editor and still make the Power Point presentations for the general meetings. In January, I will show a video on how to prepare your boat for "Heavy Weather Sailing" by Don Street. He is a famous author, sailor, chart maker and insurance agent. In February, I will show a segment on a "Man Overboard" technique and in March, "How to Prevent Chafe." I hope that you can make the meetings.



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