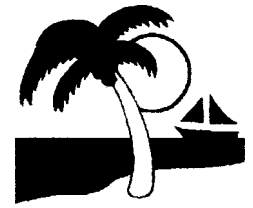


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## Commodore's Corner a.k.a., The Lame Duck Report

by Candance Sabella

As the song goes...this is it! Any minute now I am going to start being nostalgic about losing my gavel, but not just yet. I am, however, doing my best to avoid being the one to bring back the dunking of the Commodore tradition. If I go in though, I am taking Past Commodores Greg Zjadel and Brian Franson with me. Both of them managed to avoid the honor of swimming in the crystal clear blue waters of our basin at the end of their tenures and it just would not be fair to deprive them.

In October we joined (sort of) the race-cruise to Desoto Point. In order to hang back with the transmission-cable-impaired Xanadu, we *had* to forego sailing the racecourse. We were the first to cross the finish line though. Although we were under motor by then, since our Flag Officer and spouse (who were doing the committee boat duty) were for some unknown reason incommunicado as we went past them, they could not testify to that. How-

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Students from the Spring Sailing School practicing under the guidance of Arlin Briley. *Photo by Sherry Turner*

## Fall 2001 Sailing School Almost Over!

Arlin Briley

As this goes to press, the Fall 2001 BCYC Sailing School is set to graduate. This school went largely smoothly, with only the usual minor hitches due to poor weather and equipment failure. In fact, this article is bound to be boring because we had not a single capsized, not a single injury, and not a single catastrophic failure. Our 29 enrollees learned that bayou water is not that bad to swim in the first weekend when they demonstrated their demeanor in the water should a capsized occur, then used our unsinkable "capsized boat" to practice the steps they would take should a

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## Vice Commodore's Report

by Marlene Shaw

BCYC U.S. National Official Monster Raving Loony Party and Celebration of the Loonited Nations!

At 5:00 pm...uh...no...it was after 6:00 pm when the bride finally arrived. The groom sure took a lot of kidding about "waiting at the altar." The wedding didn't go off without a hitch (being so late and all), but they did finally get hitched. Hollywood Dave, the Best Man, sang a beautiful song as the bride arrived, and the seagulls provided the background music during the vows. There was no way anyone could call this wedding typical with all the mad-hatters! Can

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## Rear Commodore's Report

by Barbara Meyer

Start looking for invitations to the 2002 Installation Banquet that will be held January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Information sheets are located on the club activity board. George Freund graciously consented to be the emcee again this year, and I promise if I'm elected Vice Commodore, no banquet speech will last more than 5 minutes! (Your Commodore says other wise!)

To the Race and Cruise chairs, please contact me; I have a suggestion about the awards.

In my last article I failed to thank the Angels and Matt Maloy for work-

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## Commodore's Corner

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ever, since we had Rick and Jean French with us, and Xanadu behind us, honesty prevailed.

What a pleasure it was to have such an able crew. The only problem is my silly husband made the vain attempt to match Rick beer-for-beer. Anyway, by the time we were ready to dink over to the Big Easea for the cocktail party, Joe was totally gone. Amateurs! You know, if you can't hunt with the big dogs you need to stay off the porch!

The next morning, while we were having breakfast, Charlie Stackpole rowed over and asked to borrow a cup of sugar. I offered Sweet n' Low, but

when he said it was for a dead battery — Pam Brangaccio offered him her spare battery instead. That is really the great thing about travelling with our group, no matter what help you need — and as you all know, we have needed plenty over the years, there is always someone there to help. (Not to mention that George is always there to give you a flag for it.)

We had a really good time though and now I am jonesying to go on the long Thanksgiving trip. I have a honey-do list a mile long before we go though, so if any of you nonboat owners want a little practice on boat repair — come on over.

Finally, please be sure and make it to the November meeting as it will be the election night. As Joe is so fond of saying whenever we are trying to decide something as a group — if you don't vote, you lose the right to complain. Since we know how much everyone loves to complain — make sure you vote.

Candy



## Vice Commodore's Report

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you imagine their wedding album?

There were many special moments during the evening. Keeping in mind that it is good to have fun, but it is very important to remember both why we gather along with the current events in the world...the evening opened with a moment of silence and an invocation by Chaplain Andy Bell. Thanks Andy. Well done!

Following the opening invocation, we heard the Cerebral Comedy of Eric Shouse so he could get on to

his next gig. Then, Hollywood Dave, Sir Andrew, and Nationwide Jeff started the first set of music with the Screaming Lord Sutch traditional introduction and moved on into a blazing Hollywood Dave original.

So many talents were there, we didn't get to hear them all. We were amused with Weird, Silly Stupid Stuff by Dan Diaz (the third comedian didn't make it due to a death in the family). Funky Frenchy and Jazzy Jeff did a rap number. They did a great job, but the amusing part was that so many didn't even realize that Funky Frenchy was Jacinthe! What a great character player! We heard Peter Treiber and Kipp McGhee but missed hearing Wendee, Sandy Atkinson and Bill Dunay, to name some.

If you have been joining in on the BCYC Loonysy over the past few years, you have had opportunity to see Bilge Pump, the BCYC talents, emerge. Brian and Jacinthe, Dee and André, Rick and Jean, Sir Andrew and new member Todd the Bod a/k/a Unkle Buck, were great! They ended the set with Keep on Rockin' in the Free World, the theme of this year's BCYC Loony Event.

Arlin Briley was Officially presented a "Designation of Title" as the BCYC Energizer Bunny. Brian Franson was presented the "Loony-versal Award of Notable Contribution and Excellence," the visiting dignitaries of the Loonited Nations, Screw Driver, Gertie Gussett (from the U.K.) and Sir Barny (from Germany) were presented with "diplomatic gifts," and the newlyweds were presented with a Loony Certificate of Marriage. Kipp McGhee won the \$50 gift certificate to Key West Style in Gulfport.

We had four judges: Carol, Margo (both from the Chamber of Commerce), Sir George Freund, and Joyce Brady. The grand prize for the

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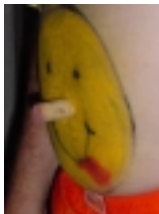
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## Vice Commodore's Report

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Looney attire went to Steve Butcher. The judges had a difficult time as people outdo themselves each year. Dee, Jacinthe, and Mixer should get special recognition here too. Wow! Oh yes, did you see Andrés' belly?



Later, much later...and unfortunately, as the crowd had lessened, the newlyweds, Sudi and Bones blew everyone away with an amazing Meatloaf's Paradise by the Dashboard Light. If you missed it, well, you really missed something awesome. It was a great turnout with BCYC officers (all but one, I believe), lots of club members, entertainers, visiting Loony dignitaries, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce members, local guests, etc. Local visitors said they had so much fun that they wanted to know more about club membership and some were even given the "grand tour" of the club and basin.

There is no way that one could squeeze all of the events of the evening into a few paragraphs. Lots of laughter, good food, good music, good people...what more could one ask for? The feedback has been terrific! As stated that night, that's the reason we keep having the Loony Party at BCYC.

All this said, it doesn't happen with an army of one. Wholehearted thanks and appreciation to Carolyn Whaley, Candance Sabella, Ursula Raia, Loni Heyman, Sylvia and Wes Carpenter, Shirley MacVean, Barb Meyer, Roy Young, Tom Brady, Brian and Jacinthe, Dee and André, Rick and Jean, Tod, the workday participants, Hollywood Dave, Nationwide Jeff, our Loony visitors and a number of non-members helped too. Last, but not least, Sir Andrew...he definitely deserves an award too! If I have missed

your name, it is only due to a senior moment, not a lack of appreciation. Please let me know so we can officially thank you too. The praises of people pitching in cannot be sung enough. What a difference each contribution makes! It's a lot of work to put together an event and when people pitch in, it not only makes it easier but also a whole lot more fun.

Before closing, special compliments to Linda Maloy, Luther, and Barb for the plantings and their work on and around the deck area. The continuing work in this area is wonderful and something to be proud of. Good maintenance and presentation of our club property shows respect for our club. This is not only an attraction to passers-by, but to potential new members too.

It was a day to be proud of the camaraderie we share in the club, the club itself, and BCYC hospitality. Thank you to each of you.

Looking forward to getting out on the water with all of you again...

Marlene

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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ing on the History wall. It is starting to look great. Pursuing the idea of preserving BCYC history, I placed photo albums full of pictures and article on each table during the general meeting. I did this with the hope that more people would get involved with the project of replacing the old albums. As of yet, I haven't heard from anyone. If you are interested, please contact Jean French or Gerri Angel. If you have any details or stories about the photographs, please share that too.

Once again work day "Morphed" into something different. We skipped

Australian pine removal and several other projects so the clubhouse and surrounding grounds could be ready for Saturday night's party. The front garden and patio area got a touch up with topsoil, mulch, and some more plants. The porch was pressure cleaned along with the patio tables and some of the chairs. Most of the inside jobs were completed too, and Marlene even had help with decorations. We accomplished way too much for the few names that I found written on the workday sign up sheet. So instead of leaving someone's name off, I'm just going to say thank you everyone.

The United States National Official Monster Raving Loony Party hosted by Sir Andrew and Lady Marlene, was a success. Thank you both for all the hard work and time you put into the evening.

This month you'll have the opportunity to be served turkey by those unlucky flag officers and board members who can't make the Thanksgiving Cruise. I think we should all cancel our plans, get on our boats and head south.

I've made what I hope is the final clothing order for the year, but I can have my arm twisted if there is something special you would like. The season of gift giving is fast approaching.

As chair of the Grounds Committee, Luther Ross has developed at least a two year landscaping plan. He has been working hard to make that happen. If you should see Luther around the club, give him a pat on the back for all his work.

I'm still looking for a volunteer or two who can take over mowing the beach and jetty grass on a regular basis. This would greatly reduce our mowing expenses, especially over the summer months.

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## The Microwave

Diane and Chet Dzwonkowski

Some people may think that moving onboard a boat is a piece of cake. We used to be two of those people. We thought we had a very good plan as to how to use the space inside our 27 ft. O' Day, and it really was a good plan. We had storage space under the V-birth for winter clothes, a semi converted quarter birth for additional clothing, a new hanging rod for hanging clothes, and a television on top of the refrigerator, to name a few.

"Wow!" I thought, "I can sit on the port couch and either reach into the head medicine cabinet and get an aspirin, or reach into the refrigerator and get a beer, and still not miss a play on the TV!"

As Diane and I sat in our boat looking around at how everything was shaping up, she suddenly questioned, "How about the microwave?" "There is no place for the microwave."

She was right (as always). There was no place to put the darn thing anywhere. We did not panic, however. We looked around, and Diane came up with a place to put a shelf.

"Great!" I thought, "A new project is not exactly what I need this close to moving in." I did, however, measure, cut, stain, varnish, and attach the shelf to the desired location in just a few days. The project was also finished

well before the shelf was actually needed for its designed purpose.

The first time we got to use our boat for a weekend outing after the shelf was completed, we found that it was an ideal place to keep our Vodka, soda, shot glass, and stirrers. After a weekend of this kind of convenience, we started to think of that shelf as a BAR. Now we had a big problem. We wondered which would be more important in the long run. At the club meeting we were talking to a gentleman (whose name will remain anonymous) who advised us that a microwave was one of the most useful appliances you could have when living aboard. He said that it was one of the last things you should consider letting go. He went on and on about all the things you could warm up, bake, and pop. Then we told him that the shelf was either going to be for the bar or the microwave, and he stopped talking in his tracks. A long pause followed, and his advice changed.

As a final test as to whether we needed the microwave or not, we put it up for sale at our last garage sale before moving aboard. Diane and I have now been living aboard *Rainbow's End* for a couple of months, and as I write this story, Diane is standing at our magnificent bar making us a rum and coke, and neither of us are missing the microwave at all.

## Nautical Fleas

This is the club's want ads, free of charge to members.

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## Weekenders!

What is it? Clothes that REALLY travel well!

When is it? November 3, 2001  
7:00 p.m.

Where is it? Boca Ciega Yacht Club  
4600 Tifton Dr. S.  
Gulfport, FL 33711

Bring an light hors'doeuvre to share! Come and join the fun and see how to dress up or dress down these clothes! The November cruise is coming and so is Christmas!

## Racing

André Lowe handled September Race Committee duties for the Racing Chair, who was visiting Jackson Hole, WY that weekend. Five boats came out to play in three bay races. *Gotcha* was the overall #1 finisher, with *Julianne* and *Steamroller* battling back and forth for the number 2 and 3 slots. *Somerset* was joined by *Earendil* for the cruising class, but *Somerset* finished #1.

The October Race/Cruise saw *Gotcha* winning again, with *Julianne* a close second. The Fall series continues on October 21st and November 18th, so come on out and join the 2001 series events. Overall Winners will be announced at the annual BCYC Banquet in January, and trophies will be handed out then.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sir George

Time to start planning gang! This year's Christmas parade will be on Saturday, December 8th, so mark your calendar NOW! Super awards for the best decorations and really great prizes for every skipper.

This year we're serving hot dogs and clam chowder at the post-parade party and all you have to do is bring hors d'oeuvres and show up. Skipper's meeting will be at 5:00. We'll leave the basin at 6:00 and get back to the clubhouse at about 8:00.

We naturally hope all of you decorate your boats and join in the fun, but for those of you — who, for whatever reason — can't go all out, then join us anyway. Everyone needs crew (the more aboard, the merrier) so show up with your hors d'oeuvres and join in the fun!



*feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight; nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.*

## Words to Remember

by Phil Raia

During the Vietnam War, I spent a lot of time in Thailand. I even took my R&R (Rest & Recuperation Leave) there in a beautiful city called Pattaya Beach, which is south of Bangkok on the Gulf of Thailand. It was there, of all places, that I saw and purchased two plaques which contain essays which provided me with comfort during that time. One is called *War* and the other is called *I Do Not Choose To Be A Common Man*. I do not know who wrote them, but as our nation is involved in yet another war, I thought I would share them with you.

### War

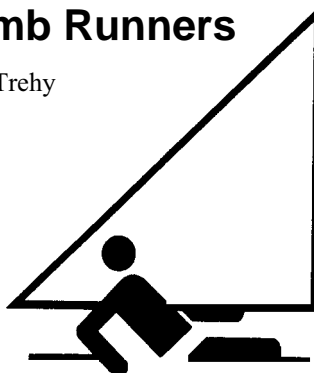
*War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic*

### I Do Not Choose To Be A Common Man

*I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon if I can. I seek opportunity ... not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence. The thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficences nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for my self; enjoy the benefits of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. All this is what it means to be an American.*

## Rhumb Runners

by Judy Trehy



Please note that Rhumb Runners no longer meets on the General Meet-

ing Friday. We are now meeting on the following day, Saturday, at 12:00, noon, on the porch. Rigging the sunfish begins around 1:00 p.m.

Rhumb Runners is for anyone who is interested in learning to sail Sunfish. We have races and sponsor regattas throughout the year. Classes in racing techniques and rigging the sunfish are taught as well.

## Fleet Captain's Report

by Bryan Pridgeon

This report will be even shorter than most.

- No storms present.
- Boats are generally looking good.
- I've talked to Dennis about the lights that are out on the dock and the board that's broken on the dock.

The most recent lists are posted in the club house. Take a look at them.

The top names on each of the wet slip lists are:

- 35 foot waiting list: Hausch, Carlin, Whaley, Pridgeon, Sangster

- 35 foot transfer list: Trowbridge, Meyer
- 30 foot waiting list: Martin, Zajdel, Miranda, Trombley, Gregory
- 30 foot transfer list: Mensching, Young, R., Bell, Stewart
- 25 foot waiting list: Neel, Hackman
- 25 foot transfer list: O'Keefe

Sail 'em, don't store 'em.



## Nominating Committee Update

by Hal Feininger

Per the by-laws, this is the second notice of proposed officers and directors for the year 2002. The Nominating Committee report was published in the last *Windword*, and nominations from the floor were accepted during the October general meeting. At that time, a nomination for the Board of Directors was made from the floor, and the expanded slate is listed below for your consideration.

At the November general meeting, you will be asked to elect the Flag Officers by acclamation, and there will be a secret ballot to elect four of the five candidates for the board. To be elected, a candidate must receive at least fifty percent of the votes cast plus one. As an example, if 100 votes are cast, to win the election, a candidate must receive 51 votes. If four candidates receive 51 votes, the elec-

tion will be declared as complete. If only some candidates receive the necessary votes, they will be elected, and we will conduct additional balloting to determine the election of the remaining unfilled positions on the board.

<b>Commodore</b>	Marlene Shaw
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Barbara Meyer
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Kent Trowbridge
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ed Heyman
<b>Secretary</b>	Joanie Owens
<b>Fleet Captain</b>	Bryan Pridgen

### Board Of Directors

Joyce Brady	Don Davis
Rick French	Lisa Glazer
Larry Lynch	

Remember that there is one vote per membership, whether that membership is for a single person, or a family.

## Fall Sailing School Over

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capsize occur. In our Wednesday night classes they studied essential knots and hitches, sail theory, and other necessary topics such as rules of the road and basic VHF protocol. Corinne O'Donnell gave real world demonstrations of cruising boat docking techniques that were well attended and received. Over the course of seven weeks our club members showed our students that we're a group of friendly and spirited people that would bend over backwards to share the joy of sailing.

BCYC Sailing School is but one way that our club fulfills its missions of promoting safe boating and nautical activities and serving the community. As with everything that we do, it could not be possible without the volunteer club members. Take a look at the list of helpers that took time away from their families in order to facilitate the learning of our students; Sailing School is clearly a big production. Sailor's hats off to these club members who come together to make it "Florida's Foremost Sailing School." Thanks to everyone, and let's do it again in Spring 2002!

### Sailing School Co-Directors

Arlin Briley  
Glen Hackman

### Snack Captains

Tracey Beams, Lisa Glaser, Lainy McPhee, Mary O'Malley Sherlag, Lorraine Ward

### Table Captains

Wes Carpenter, Chet Dzwonkowski, Diane Dzwonkowski, Jean French, Linda Maloy, Barb Meyer, Patty Smith, Don Sullivan, Wally Ulrich

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## Fall Sailing School Over

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### Safety Boat Crew

Steve Butcher, John Butler, Tom Carlin, Chet Dzwonkowski, Andy Jagger, Eve Lamirande, Josee Levesque, André Lowe, Jim MacLaury, Mac MacVean, Tony Milnthorpe, Larry Poynter, Linda Poynter, Bryan Pridgeon, Ginny Quinn, Joe Ramirez, Bruce Sinclair, Charlie Stackpole, Rich Tafoya, Chris Vocar, Roy Young, Greg Zajdel

### Boat Captains

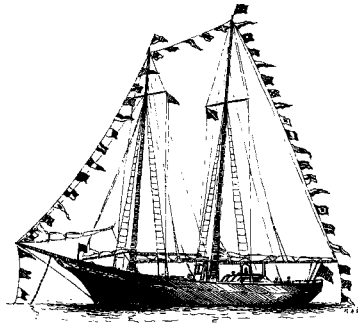
Bob Adams, Tony Angel, Steve Butcher, Marianne Fagan, Lisa Glaser, Tom Guy, Joel Heyne, Tom Hicks, Diane Homa, Dave Hopkins, Henry Kemp, Peter Kvasnicka, André Lowe, Matt Maloy, Pim Miranda, Corinne O'Donnell, Mixer O'Keefe, Bob Trehy, Greg Zajdel

### Learned Lecturers

Andy Bell, Ed Eggert, USCGAux, Tom Hicks, Pat Kurtz, Jon McPhee, Corinne O'Donnell, Anton Pereira, Marie Povey, Phil Raia

### Supporting Cast

Joyce Brady, Rick Martin, Don Peterson, Ginny Quinn, Commodore Sabella, Vice-Commodore Shaw, Webmaster Mike Turner, Sherry Turner, Kent Trowbridge, Bob Wirsig, family members of all volunteers.



## FLAG OFFICER

by Sir George Freund

The March cruise, weatherwise, was very much like the February cruise — just plain nasty. But — about ten boats left the basin and headed north toward the Ship Restaurant only to be stopped by the broken Corey Avenue drawbridge. One-by-one the skippers awaiting the opening returned to the basin — all but one, that is. Don Davis, his wife Pat, and able crew: Joy Feininger, all aboard *LaSegunda*. No one knows how long they waited but they will forever be described as tenacious, resolute, courageous, tough, and persevering. So, to Don and all of the above crew — the ‘Stormy Weather’ flag.

There is an expression — ‘Now, What?’ that is so apropos to this next award. If Nina can’t figure a way to earn a flag on *Trust Me*, she will, as you will see, manage to screw up on land. Our gal Nina (are you ready for this?) backed her car into the drink —

and had to call the tow truck to get out of the water. Now what, Nina?

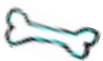
Well here’s what! On the cruise to Moore’s, once again Nina’s brand new diesel broke and this time was really towed — Sea Tow did the honors for which she is awarded the ‘Golden Tow’ flag. Nina, my job would be so much easier if you would just buy a rowboat!

Wait! There’s more — I have said many times — “When Nina goes sailing, two flags are inevitable — the ‘Broken Engine’ flag and the ‘Tow’ flag.” Well, this time we were 50% right. It seems, the last time Nina went sailing the engine did, in fact, break down — but, so intent to prove me wrong, she sailed *Trust Me* all the way back and into the slip. So Nina, your inevitable ‘Engine’ flag — but know we will be watching for the next time.

Last month we reported to you that Joe Sabella earned flag recognition for spending fifteen minutes sitting in his dinghy tugging on the starting cord of his outboard before he realized he had forgotten to connect the fuel line to the engine. Well, we mistakenly informed you that a crowd had gathered on the dock watching Joe because his motor wouldn’t start. Wrong! The crowd had gathered because Joe had forgotten to put the plug in the dinghy. Candy, are you aware that the second thing to go is the memory?

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## THEFT & VANDALISM AT BCYC

Rick & Nancy Gelinas

My wife and I became members of BCYC last December. We were very happy to join the club because we are avid sailors. We've been sailing together since 1993. During these past few years we've owned several small sailboats. We've owned 2 Nacra catamarans, an MX-Ray, two Lasers, a Laser II, a Zuma, and a Sunfish. And we've also owned a few windsurfers during these years too. Needless to say we enjoy high performance sailing.

At the end of 2000 we purchased 2 new 2001 sailboats, a new Laser for my wife Nancy, and a new MX-Ray for me. We were previously members of the St. Pete Sailing Center. We joined the BCYC club because our latest sailboat (the MX-Ray) requires a beach launch (St. Pete Sailing Center only has floating docks). Since joining the club we've really enjoyed sailing together on Boca Ciega Bay.

We have been storing our boats at the club. We keep them on lightweight Seitech dollies. So we stored our boats near "dinghy beach". We tied the boats to the dinghy rack so they could not float away if high water came over the seawall. We also stored them as far back as possible so that they were not in view of anyone, unless they walked back to the gazebo.

Even though we never actually stored the boats on a dry slip we've been paying for a dry slip. This just seemed fair. After all we were happy sailors and we enjoy the facilities. It seemed like a sailor's paradise.

All is not well in paradise. We had a float & anchor that made beach launches easier. We left the float & anchor near the Sunfishes so that any small boat sailor could use it. A few

months back someone stole the anchor. So we tied the float to a brick (makeshift anchor). Then someone stole the float. Oh well.

Things get worse. Nancy and I went down to the club on the morning that tropical storm Gabriel was aiming for the Gulf Coast to check on our boats and add some more tie downs. What a shock awaited us. Nancy's new Laser was gone! It had been untied and rolled away on the dolly. My boat had also been untied but it was not taken.

We called Gulfport police from the clubhouse. Officer Adams responded quickly. Since the Laser costs \$4,000 he told me that this was considered "grand theft." He took a report and then left. Nancy just sat in the van and cried. She cried because she just lost her new Laser with the lavender stripe down the side. She also cried because we still have more than half of the boat on a credit card.

About ten minutes later we got a nice surprise! The officer called me on my cell phone. He said that the boat had been recovered earlier in the week. It had been found floating in the bay. It appears that this was an act of vandalism. I guess some punk kids thought it would be fun to watch the boat float out into the bay.

The boat was being held over at the Marina. We were very happy to see it again. The Seitech dolly was found by a member of the Gulfport Yacht club. And Gene Lucky from the Gulfport Yacht Club found the upper mast section stuck in some reeds. We have some great neighbors over there. Our sincere thanks go out to all who shared in recovering the boat and some of its parts.

Nancy's previously perfect sailboat now has several deep scratches in it. But Nancy is happy to at least have her boat back. The boom, lower

mast section, vang assembly, and Extra Sport life jacket were not recovered. A trip to Tackle Shack and \$550 restored her missing parts.

When we brought the new Laser parts down to the club another theft awaited us. The cover on my boat had been pulled off. Someone helped themselves to my Extra Sport life jacket which had been stored on top of the MX-Ray. Another \$50 loss.

We no longer store our boats near the dinghy rack. We now store them in a dry slip in the parking lot. They can be seen by anyone passing along on the street now, so that's not too good either. We have run a cable through the boats and padlocked them. Additionally we have purchased boat insurance.

It is distressing to be exposed to theft and vandalism. It is sad that other sailors have lost expensive motors and electronics. It is unfortunate for all of us that we leave the gates open night and day. It is unfortunate that we do not attempt to secure the club better. We all have a key and padlocks are cheap. More security would certainly make a great club even better!



Loony photos by Jacinthe Franson





Rooms: \$99 per night (garden, deluxe, standard, or suite). This is run of the house **based on availability**. Reservations must be made before December 5, 2001 to get the contracted price. After this date, regular rates may apply. Spa facilities are complementary with rooms. Note: the resort requires a credit card imprint for misc. room charges. If paying by cash, a \$100 deposit is required. Meals: \$30 per person.

## World Peace Begins in the Heart of a Loony

It was October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001. A night that will go down in the annals of history as a milestone in world harmony.

The scene was the Fifth Annual Celebration of the United States National Official Monster Raving Loony Party (and the third one to be held at BCYC) and the second assembly of the recently formed Loonited Nations. (Member nations currently include USA, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Denmark, Germany, Spain and Trinidad, with others pursuing inclusion. Delegates had flown in from other continents for the event. Sir Barny, Grunder und Vorsitzender von der Deutschen Rock 'n' Roll und Loony Partei, Screw Driver and Gertie



Gussett from the UK Rock 'n' Roll Loony Party, and others too numerous (but not insignificant) to mention.

If you remember nothing else, remember this: "WORLD PEACE BEGINS IN THE HEART OF A LOONY".

The whole purpose of this event is to get as many people as possible, from as many cultures, religions,

races, colors, creeds, etc., into one place - on one night- together, for no other reason than to have a thoroughly good time...Fun, Laughter ( we all need it), Music. Entertainment came from many musicians of diverse styles, from comedians, and from splendid BCYC members.

Consider this if you will. I made a study of the diverse backgrounds from which our guests on this night came. SEVENTEEN! Yes, seventeen different nationalities were represented in that room on that night. Many different beliefs, different cultures, different colors, but all there with a common purpose. If you don't see the significance of that — you are missing the point!

Boca Ciega Yacht Club can be proud of the hospitality it extends to everyone and I sincerely hope that will continue. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the club, to those dedicated individuals who make it work, and to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. To name them would be redundant since they know who they are. I love every one of them and they know that too.

To all of you I say two things: "Keep on rockin' in the free world, and above all, WORLD PEACE BEGINS IN THE HEART OF A LOONY".

Sir Andrew





## An Almost "No-flags" Desoto Race/Cruise

Pam Brangaccio, Karen Trowbridge with Kent Trowbridge as Go-fer

There were 14 BCYC cruisers in attendance at October's cruise/race. This included your Committee Boats: Big Easee and Xanadu, and the fleet: *Can't Dance*, *Orca*, *Enjoue*, *Quest*, *Ship of Fools*, *Despido*, *Vivane*, *Uhane*, *Gotcha*, *Julianne*, *Serendipity* and *Thursday's Child*.

There was good-overall weather on Saturday, with just enough wind on Tampa Bay to move the fleet, however, the current made for a lot of tacks around Marker 70 in the Bay. Racing results had *Gotcha* as #1, *Julianne* #2, and *Serendipity* #3. *Thursday's Child* posted a racing finish, with an open question to *Uhane* and *Enjoue*. (Did you guys really sail the entire course?)

Saturday night at anchor, was kicked off with a cocktail party on *Big Easee*, complete with a dinghy raft-



up, and lots of food and drinks for all. There was another cruiser in the anchorage, so impressed with BCYC, that they took photos and bought over the disc of the 10 dinks tied to the mother-ship.

Sunday was an uneventful motor-sail in the Gulf back to Pass-A-Grill. Well for most, as Tony spent his sailing time, down with his engine, and *Despido* had to borrow a start battery (that's not a cup of sugar) to leave the anchorage.

George and Linda were wondering why they didn't buy a bigger boat, as the BCYC party-goers tilted *Big Easee*, to port and starboard, then back to the stern, as folks moved with the sunset. Let's give George and Linda the Best Cruising Host Cocktail Party Flag for 2001!

The scheduled 2001 cruising season will wrap-up with the Annual Thanksgiving Cruise, November 17-25th. Plans include Thanksgiving Dinner at anchor (Boca Grande, Cayo Coast, or Useppa, depending on weather). "Chef" Tony is making meal assignments, so let your Cruising Chairs or Tony Angel know if you are planning on being part of the Thanksgiving Dinner event. Four years ago we did dinner anchored off Useppa with over 25 BCYCer's from eight boats, chowing down on a three-boat raft-up, from 2-5pm. It makes for a memorable holiday afternoon.

It's just a little hard to take an after-dinner walk.

Cruising plans include an EARLY Saturday morning start on the 17th, with stops in Venice, Cape Haze, Boca Grande, Cayo Costa, Useppa,

and then home again, via Venice and Longboat Key. Remember to call the Crow's Nest in Venice for docking reservations for Friday afternoon, the 23th, as we always land-up watching college football, with beer and wings. There are always folks planning shorter cruises, Nov. 22-25th, after the holiday, for folks who cannot take off for the week. Come enjoy the holiday cruise.



## Rear Commodore Report

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I've been reviewing the year and I remember thinking right about this time, how can I ever do honor to the position of Rear Commodore? What skills did I possess that would be useful to the club? Can I be tough enough to handle any opposition or criticism? The jury is still out on the first two questions, but the answer to the last one, is a resounding YES! Through trial and error, I have learned a lot about inner workings of BCYC, some good, and some bad. However, the most important thing I learned is that club members have always risen to the occasion and helped me accomplish a great many tasks. It was unfortunate that the larger projects were left undone. You now what? There's always next year!

Happy Holidays, Happy Sailing,  
Barb



## Gulfport Yacht Club Invites BCYC to Races

Peter Uprichard, Commodore of the Gulfport Yacht Club, has extended an invitation to BCYC sailors interested in racing smaller boats. The Gulfport Yacht Club has races the first Saturday of every month at noon with a "feast" afterwards. The race is for boats 25' and under.

The Gulfport Yacht Club is located just west of BCYC. For more information, call 727-821-8719.

### Go "HipHop" Granny!



As I was rapping "To the Rhythm of the Boogie Beat" from a 1979 Hip Hop hit, I noticed some of the expressions on your faces saying: "Who is that?" Well, believe it or not, it's me, Jacinthe Franson, with Jeff, my son-in-law.



## Coming and Going

### Dave and Robin Slaby

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Dave is a veterinarian who recently sold his practice in Safety Harbor and has always had an interest in sailing. Dave and Robin took the Spring Sailing School course. They were quite please with the instruction, friendliness, and comaraderie of the members.



Robin is a speech pathologist by training. However, for the past few years she managed the veterinary office. They have a 14 year old son, Chris, who is an accomplished swimmer.

The Slabys have lived in the area for 20 years. Now that they have some free time, they would like to experience and learn more about sailing ... and eventually ... buy a boat.

### Ron and Beth Timmerman

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Originally from the South shore of Long Island, NY, and here by way of Norfolk, VA, Ron was bit by the boating bug at the age of 14 on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. His brother-in-law taught him how to operate his 25' Steel Craft. At 20, Ron purchased his first runabout and he quickly moved up to a 25' Chris Craft Cavalier. He mainly boat in the waters in Great South Bay, but took numerous trips to the Peconic Bay and north to Con-

necticut and Rhode Island. Ron joined the Long Island Yacht Club in west Babylon and began sailing as main-sheet man on the 21' Narasketucks. Ron served as Fleet Captain of the club and moved up to a 50' Chris Craft Constellation. Ron has skippered and crewed on many types of boats (among them Y-Flyers, Fireballs, and MORCs).

Since moving to Florida, Ron and Beth have purchased a 21' deck boat. Now they're ready for a larger boat.

### Todd Staudinger

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You may have heard about Todd earlier in the *Windword*. Todd has shared his talents at several club activities — most recently at the Loony Party (see Marlene's report).

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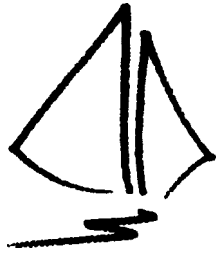
Pete and Eileen Colon  
Mac and Shirley MacVean








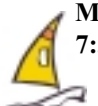
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11 Sail Out 1 pm	12	13	14	15	16  General Meeting 8:00pm	17 Workday RhumbRunners Thanksgiving Dinner served by officers	
18 Thanksgiving Cruise	19 Thanksgiving Cruise	20  Thanksgiving Cruise	21 Thanksgiving Cruise	22  Thanksgiving	23 Thanksgiving Cruise	24 Thanksgiving Cruise	
25  Sail Out 1 pm	26	27	28	29	30	1	
2	3  Board Meeting 7:30 pm	4	<b>December 2001</b>			7	8 Lighted Boat Parade 