



Windword

Boca Ciega Yacht Club's News & Views

Cruising report

Vinoy Basin cruise rescheduled for May

By Jeff Reckson & Charlotte Mora



Compass Island was a lot of fun....once we got there. Winds on the nose along with accompanying waves made the trip a trip. Twenty seven boats made the trip and descended on the island around 5:00 pm or so. The weather was chilly and we built a nice bonfire. Sunday's winds made for some nice sailing on the return.

Youth Sailing Program 2006 to begin May 29

By Joel Heyne

This year the summer Youth Sailing program will begin on Monday May 29th and run approximately to June 16th. The classes will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

We cover a lot of material in a short period of time and it's difficult to make up lost days. We ask, for that reason, that when you register your child, you dedicate them to the class for all of the hours. A par-

ent or guardian must sign the application.

By the end of the program students should be able to sail a pram and understand the principles and mechanics of sailing.

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Due to race activities scheduled in downtown St. Petersburg the April cruise scheduled for the Vinoy Basin will be postponed until May.

In place of the Vinoy Basin cruise **the April cruise will be to DeSoto Point** - always a lot of fun and things to do and see.

Vinoy Basin cruise re-scheduled

May's cruise to Vinoy Basin in downtown St. Petersburg should be a lot of fun. Some folks will be sailing on Friday, and some on Saturday, with the usual Sunday return. So many things to do ... "Get Downtown on Friday night, Farmers Market Saturday morning,plus the usual entertainment opportunities that are readily available and easily within walking distance.

Those sailing over on Saturday can also participate in the blessing of the fleet, which is held in Gulfport. Times and details are posted at the club. Everything considered, a lot is going to be happening the 1st weekend in April.

For us, cruising is our favorite part of sailing!

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Let's try to keep our clubhouse clean

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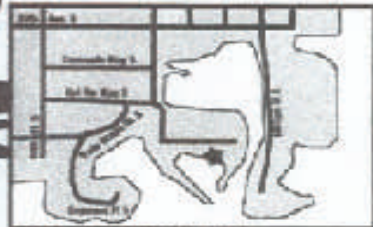
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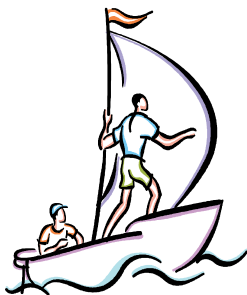
BCYC a true paradise

By Joel Heyne



This has been a great month to be around the club.

The spring weather has been phenomenal! Gentle breezes, no rain and comfortable temperatures. We truly live in paradise. Work around the club has been progressing well and the front of the building is almost done.



The Sailing School is off to a terrific start. If you ask any of the many volunteers, I am sure they will tell you about the great fun the students are having. I have seen full mains on the Sailing School boats' as they sail around on the Saturday and Sunday waterfront sessions.

The potluck dinner produced a new chili champion chef. I wonder if Jean will try for a repeat next year?

Please check in with Jeff for a change in the cruising schedule. There is a Grand Pre road race in St. Petersburg during the Vinoy Cruise.

Good sailing!

Youth from front page

The age of the students, however, will control the depth of this understanding. The very basic concept of sailing is difficult for most children under the age of 8. We therefore require children to be at least 8 years old and they should be a mature 8 year old. They must also pass a swim test which consists of treading water for five minutes, donning a life jacket in the water, and swimming on their back with a life jacket on, to the dock. They must also demonstrate an at ease demeanor in the water.

Students need to wear sunscreen, hat or visor and water shoes. If your child has a lifejacket they may bring their personal life jacket. Type III life jackets are worn in the boats.

Call Joel Heyne at 345-5760.

Rear Commodore's report

Work day in full force in spite of other duties

By Linda Ray



Well, I hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day!!! I informed Andy Bell that in his absence, I evoked the blessing. He said that it was fine, as we have the same boss.

I now have to thank you for making me look good. More people than I expected showed up for work day. There were two flea markets and sail school, yet the club did not let me down. As usual, I would like to show appreciation for the regulars. Cindy and Al Davis, Hal Frank, Keith Ray, Larry Fiorenza, and Larry Lynch for their tireless commitment to the club. Think of them when you see clean dishes, empty garbage cans, no papers on the floor or tables and most any-

thing else that's uncluttered. My six-month regulars deserve thanks also. They include Jeannie Proach, Lloyd Mason, Jennifer Tromblee and Paul LaChance. Maybe one month I'll tell them all to go on vacation and you might just be surprised!

Carolyn and Martin Needleman threw a posh breakfast with portabella mushrooms, assorted berries, bacon, sausage, etc. It was a lovely morning for those that ate it.

Then The Trowbridge double K's showed up! Kent says that he has no patience, but the next eight hours were spent getting our computer on track. What he didn't do Saturday was finished on Sunday. Now I must

warn you that I am not the only dangerous person in the house. There was a problem getting a large desk removed from the office. Karen T. got some help from Jack Green and a large hammer and within minutes the large desk was in many small pieces! Problem solved. Karen, if you're ever mad at me, PLEASE tell me first. The office has been reorganized with some direction from me and some very well received ideas from Karen. She even had Bob Calvillo hanging cleats on the wall so that some of our club banners can be hung up up. Bob also checked our air conditioner unit. All is well in the office.

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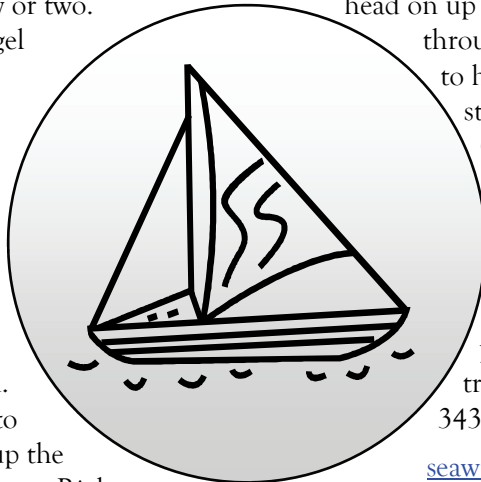
Cruising opportunity

Goin' Cruising on Hooligan May & June

By Carole Sharp Lynch

Larry and I will be going cruising on Hooligan. We will be leaving on or around May 13 and heading down to either DeSoto Point or Moors for a day or two. Then we'll head south to Venice (Higel Park) on down to Useppa for a day.

We might then head outside (weather permitting) and go on down to Naples for a day. This should put us into Naples around Saturday, May 19th or the 20th. After that, we're not sure but we just may head for Key West via Marathon. On the way back, we will be going into the Ft. Myers City Marina and then up the Caloosahatchee to stay three days or so at Rialto.



We plan to be back to Naples around May 31 and then to the Ft. Myers City Marina by June 2. We will head on up to Rialto on the June 3rd and stay through the weekend leaving there June 5th to head back up to Useppa (Cabbage Key), stay at Cape Haze for a couple of days (June 6 & 7) and then work our way back up to Pinellas County.

If anyone is interested in joining us or meeting up with us along the way, please let me know so we can make our travel arrangements. Give me a call at 343-4483, or e-mail me at

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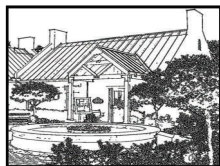
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Boats in the Basin



Photo by Todd Terrell

Clear skies and calm winds at the BCYC boat basin made for comfortable conditions on the evening of the March Chili Cook-off. Thanks Todd for this great view of our marina—we're truly lucky to have such a beautiful place to keep our boats and gather for great friendships!

Fleet Captain's report

Greetings from your new Fleet Captain

By Paul Pittman

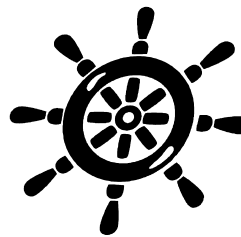
We have completed an inventory of the club's slips and dingy racks as well as the leases on file.

Many members have been remiss in providing the club with updated current insurance and registration information as well as not having a 2006 lease on file. It also appears that some members are storing their vessel/trailer/dingy but have not been billed for that storage. We will be advising those members and requesting payment.

Please ensure that you store your vessel/trailer/dingy in your

trailer/dingy rack is properly marked as required by the "Waterfront Policies".

By direction of the BCYC Board of Director at the Feb 2006 meeting I will be contacting by letter those members storing their vessel(s), boat trailers, utility trailers, dingy's, etc in the NW Grass Area and requesting either their removal from BCYC grounds or that arrangements be made to secure a dry slip/dingy rack in accordance with the



Current Wet Slip, Dry Slip, Dingy Rack Assignments and their associated waiting/transfer lists have been posted on the Fleet Captain's bulletin board. Please advise me of any errors.

The T-dock reservations for April & May are also on the board. As a common courtesy please ensure when docking on the T-docks that you are not utilizing space that has been reserved by another member.

Rear Commodore's report continued from page 3

Our very own Geri Angel was on board in her historian hat. Her crew consisted of Don Sullivan (Bless you, Don.), Carole Lynch, and Jennifer Tromblee. A lot of organizing and cataloging went on. Take some time one day to read about the club. It's interesting.

Larry Vance and his team of Mike Manee, Don Rogers, Phil Raia, Paul, Zorovich, and Hal Fezel. (I know I probably spelled that wrong. Please see me to clear it up), did a wonderful job constructing a new dinghy rack. You guys are top shelf.

The front of the back of the building (?) is coming along. Jeff Reckson is in charge of this. He had help from Dave Tarbox, but if anyone is interested in helping him, please call and it will definitely count as a work day.

The grounds are always in need of something. Seen doing said grounds and garbage patrol were Cindy and Al Davis, Dave Malone, Hal Feinger, Bill Beyer, Charlie Gibson, Diana Silsby, Randy Southerland, Pim Miranda, Bob Phillips, Don McCollistor, Carolyn Needleman, and Jeannie Proach. Looking good! Janet and Todd Terrell did there part by doing a very strange, but hopefully effective, new dance called the Fire Ant Stomp. Ask and I'm sure

they'll teach it to you. Todd was seen going to the men's room as he had ants in his pants! Sorry Todd for laughing!



Steve Butcher, Todd Terrell and crew moved the sunfish rack so that now a truck can get to the point and fix our light. Very helpful.

Tim Pierce cleaned out the t.v. closet and I mean cleaned. Guess what? He found batteries and three remote controls. Also two VHF's are being tested for their ability to operate. Thanks, Tim.

Up on the roof were Mike Collins, Ken Stone, and Martin Needleman. They found enough debris up there to fill many wheelbarrows. Helping cart it all away were Joan Collins, Jen Rogers, and Randy Southerland. Randy also took down some of the dry and overhanging limbs from some trees. Good job! I'd like to have to call special pick-up every Monday after work day. The City will know we're doing great things here.

Ursula Raia was in the kitchen mopping and cleaning again. Pitching right in with sweeping and dishes was Peggy Manee. It's always nice to see a clean kitchen (hint!)

Paul LaChance was tracing the wiring

for a new receptacle for the side storage/work room. He had in tow Jeannie Proach to help. Tim Pierce is donating a work table, so that everyone who wants to will be able to have a space to work on boat projects. Please stop in and look. Yours truly, along with Peter Kvasnicka, separated the race flags and organized. There is actually a floor in there! Peter has also been doing work on our new 23' Ranger. Maybe she'll be out on the water soon.

Steve Butcher was painting lines and numbers in the dry slips to help out Paul Pittman and the dry slip renters. (Sounds like a band!) Thank you, Steve.

Jim Freeman, with cleaner in hand, made sure the tables were all washed down. You're a cutie, Jim.

Rick (I'm ruining your reputation) French was at the club

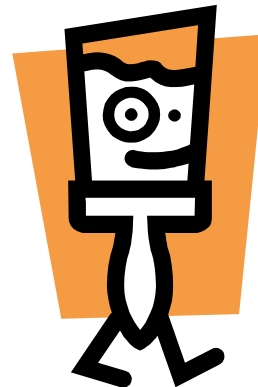
lending a hand on a few projects and always empties the ash trays. Yuck!, but thanks.

Tony Angel and Keith Ray worked for hours in the front on a non-work day. That's the spirit of the club.

Keith also put in two new filters on the ice machine. We have to have clean ice!

Charlie Gibson Jr. was running around looking for something to do. I dubbed him the official potty paper changer! Well done, sir.

If work days continue like this, we'll all have reason to be proud!



Vice Commodore's report

If you're not excited check your pulse now!

By Craig Smith

BCYC is in full bloom, sail school is running full tilt, club races, Michelob cups, Hunter regattas, things being built, things being fixed, pot-luck dinners, Funday, Blessing of the Fleet, preparations for cruises (can you say Cayo Costa?), one can feel the energy coursing through the club. A 23' Ranger was donated to the club and it is now in the basin, soon it will be ready for use by all, (after being checked out on it as with any other club boat). If you aren't excited by all the goings on, check your pulse. I am.

This is the most exciting time of the year for us; however it cannot be done without lots of help from you. If you feel drawn to help with sail school, call Shirley MacVean.

If you feel the unquenchable need to do something around the clubhouse, Linda Ray can surely make you feel wanted. If you are shy, call me, I can keep a secret. There is something that every single member can do.

I think Joel deserves some special praise, coming out of "who" retirement to guide us this year, and if that weren't enough, running sail school.....thanks!

Remember the Cayo Costa trip is on May 20th, and returning the following Saturday (or something like that).

Meanwhile you can find me "on the water".....

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Seraphin causes trouble at start & finish!

By Peter J. Kvasnicka



The March race saw the return of two old friends as both *Rocket* (Todd Terrell) and *Dubhe* (Tim Menaro) came out and raced after long absences. In addition, *Thursday's Child* (Corinne O'Donnell) returned still showing the scars of her January encounter with marker No. 16. Sadly, we also heard of the pending departure of *Why Not*, who was reportedly sold and will be leaving the club.

For the first race the wind conditions were stable at 7 knots out of the east, with significant wind shifts of approximately 40 degrees or more. For the start it was apparent some boats were trying out new tactics. The most innovative approaches were taken by *Seraphin* and *Pipit*. *Seraphin* looked like they wanted to practice an aggressive approach as they charged the line. However, they crossed the line early, way early, approximately 30 seconds early and this forced them to round the committee boat and restart. Our second innovator was *Pipit*. Apparently Bob Phillips did not agree with the placement of the pin end of the start line and chose to relocate it, while he was in the process of starting. By the time he extracted himself from the buoy's anchor, his competition was gone. In the end it didn't matter, *Pipit* recovered her lost time and more, to beat out Doug Fuller and *SeaduceMe* by 1 minute 41 seconds for first place in race class. In cruising class *Redemption Song* put in a dominating performance and beat out *Thursday's Child* by 3 minutes 30 seconds for first place.

The second race saw changing conditions as the sea breeze began to overpower the gradient wind. The wind died and eventually shifted a hundred eighty degrees to be out of the west. Unfortunately, this all occurred while boats were on the second leg. *Rocket* seemed to adapt well to these conditions and was the first boat to finish.

However, their time did not stand as *Surprise* and *Pipit* both corrected over *Rocket*, with first place going to *Surprise*. Those who participated in cursing class witness more innovation as *Seraphin* attempted to alter the race course to her advantage. Apparently Tony Angel felt the finish line should have been a bit longer, so he snagged and dragged to finish mark to accomplish this task. Unfortunately, several boats witnessed this and protested as *Seraphin* never properly finished and thus should be disqualified. However calmer heads prevailed and she was only penalized with 1 minute added to her elapsed time. The final result was the *Redemption Song* beat out *Seraphin* by 3 seconds to win the second race in cruising class.

Lastly for the March race the **Boca Ciega Multi Hull Association** (BCMHA) continued to fizzle as only one boat came out. Therefore, *Pell Mell* won both races in the Multi Hull class by default. The question is Does having more hulls make a vessel less likely to race? Hopefully that question will be answered before the April race.

Special thanks to Robert Calvillo who provided *Gosando* for our use as the Committee boat. Going forward we need a Committee boat to volunteer for next month's race, as well as the Gulf Hunter Regatta on April 15th.

As to up coming events the next race will be a Bay race on Sunday April 23rd. In addition, on Saturday April 15th we will be the host club for the Hunter Cup Regatta. With the number of Hunters in our club, we should warrant a BCYC class. Then on April 22nd Davis Island Yacht club will host the Morgan Invasion. I know *Pipit* & *Blue Cloud* plan to participate. Will anyone else come out to play?

Racing Results — Race One

Racing Class		
First Place:	Pipit, Bob Phillips	1:13:30
Second Place:	SeaduceMe, Doug Fuller	1:15:11
Third Place:	Surprise, Dave Brancaccio	1:19:01
Fourth Place:	Pogo, Martin Needleman	1:20:55
Fifth Place:	Rocket, Todd Terrell	1:21:16
Sixth Place:	Total Chaos, Clement Rambeau	DNGOB

Cruising Class		
First Place:	Redemption Song, D. Swisher	1:22:32
Second Place:	Thursday's Child, Corinne	1:26:02
Third Place:	Seraphin, Tony Angel	1:27:07
Fourth Place:	Dubhe, Tim Menaro	1:27:47

Multi-Hull		
First Place:	Pell Mell, Bill Morese	1:25:48
Second Place:	Warn Enough, Larry Sanders	DNGOB
Second Place:	Rhoda Pascoda, Lars Allenbrink	DNGOB

Racing Results — Race Two

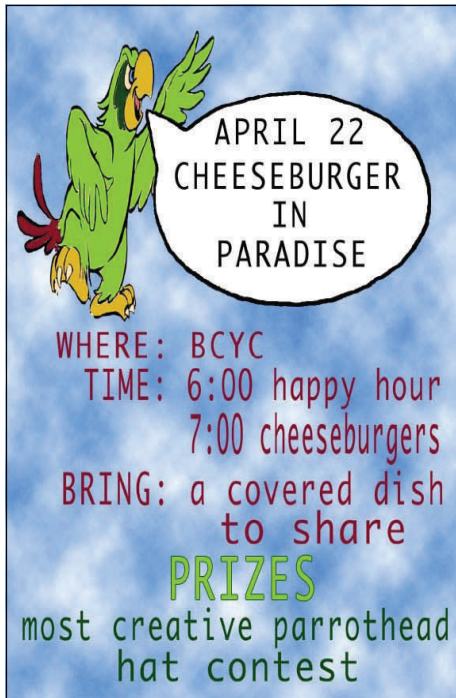
Racing Class		
First Place:	Surprise, Dave Brancaccio	1:38:27
Second Place:	SeaduceMe, Doug Fuller	1:42:36
Third Place:	Rocket, Todd Terrell	1:47:54
Fourth Place:	Pipit, Bob Phillips	1:56:30
Fifth Place:	Pogo, Martin Needleman	2:14:20
Sixth Place:	Total Chaos, Clement Rambeau	DNGOB

Cruising Class		
First Place:	Redemption Song, D. Swisher	2:12:20
Second Place:	Seraphin, Tony Angel	2:12:43
Third Place:	Thursday's Child, Corrine	2:16:03
Fourth Place:	Dubhe, Tim Menaro	2:27:09

Multi-Hull		
First Place:	Pell Mell, Bill Morese	DNS
Second Place:	Warn Enough, Larry Sanders	DNGOB
Second Place:	Rhoda Pascoda, Lars Allenbrink	DNGOB

Cheeseburger in Paradise: BCYC

By Lisa Glaser



The March covered dish "chili cookoff" was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our hosts Jean Proach, Lloyd Mason, Al and Cindy Davis. The evening began with Jack and I serving Tequila Sunrises that were well received. During happy hour Al and Cindy rounded up a group of expert chili judges to do the tasting. The judges were Ken Wynsma, Linda Ray and Debbie Vance. Carol Woodward was the top winner of the chili contest. The rest of the winning chefs were Craig Smith, Carole Lynch, Lloyd Mason, Jimmy Meyer and Marylou Young. Prizes were also given to the most decorative centerpieces.

Cheeseburger in Paradise

Todd and Janet Terrell are hosting our April covered dish "Cheeseburger in Paradise". So all you Parrotheads get your parrothead hats together for the annual creative hat contest. Janet is famous for her creative prizes so don't miss out on this one. Bring a covered dish to share, happy hour a 6:00 and burgers at 7:00. See You There!



Special Report from our Rear Commodore

Something new? A clean clubhouse after parties??

By Linda Ray

It certainly isn't worth it to complain about a stray cup or piece of paper lying around, we can all pick up something like that. It also isn't worth it to ignore a total disaster of spills on floors, overflowing trash, and piles of dirty dishes in the sink! After coming in the next morning after a scheduled event, it was sad to see such chaos. The dishes were so high that some had to be removed in order to move the faucet. The garbage had to be taken out by the same faces that usually end up doing this. The tables and chairs had to be rearranged and wiped down to get rid of food and drink left irresponsibly. This is really unacceptable! There is no reason that adults should feel comfortable leaving a mess behind when they would be embarrassed if their children did the same. We all know that we are a self help club and we should ALL be willing to do our part. If each per-

one or two additional items, this would be the cleanest club around. Instead it is left for the few.

After another recent event, the sponsors of the party were tired and assured me that they would return early the following morning to finish their clean-up. They did. I felt so embarrassed for my club! What a pig sty! Someone had vomited on the East and the West sides of the building. One was outdoors, one was indoors. Whoever left that, PLEASE do not ever invite me to your house. The beer cans and bottles again littered most of the club. Why???

With help from some other members (You know who you are) the mess was mopped, washed, and cleaned. Isn't somebody out there feeling guilty yet? I know I may sound like The Party Nazi, but soon it just may be, "no party for you!"

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Flag Officer's report

Cat's Paw to the rescue AGAIN?

By Sir George Freund



Jack Green of *Irish Eyes* fame really steps into the limelight this month. You all must remember the faux pas we report today are only the ones discovered—so who know what else he got away with. When the engine died, Shirley and Mac towed him to an anchorage where he dropped the anchor. However, no wind, no tide and no motor the boat drifted aimlessly dragging the anchor along the bottom. Mac and Shirley (ho hum) came to the rescue in their dinghy. Hence the “Lil Toe” flag and set the anchor. So while at anchor, Jack fixed the engine but when he tried to start it in the AM—the battery was dead. Once again Mac and Shirley towed him to the marina. Wait, there's more! At the cruise to Compass island the engine would not start and once again *Cat's Paw Squared* gave the tow. Gosh, Jack, I'm out of breath!

Well, now back to reality—**Tim Pierce** had an engine failure but he shunned the tow and sailed back. THE SHOW OFF!

Now here's a first—**Tom Hicks** wondered why he could not make way, until he noticed he had left the wheels on the dink in the down position.

The trip to Compass Island was uneventful for most of us. Twenty seven boats made the cruise and only one lost a dinghy and ran aground. Let's hear it for **Pam and Dave Brangaccio** who managed to allow their dinghy to drift away and then on the way out, did with a vengeance, run *Xanadu* aground. Good show, kids! The “Good Ship Lollipop” flag to **Pim Miranda** whose watchful eye spotted that errant dinghy and went to the rescue.

The last flag **Dianna Silsby** received was when, with a drink in one hand and a plate of hors d'oeuvres in the other, attempted to go from one boat to another and wound up hanging between the boats on the life lines—AND didn't spill a drop. Now the next flag she earns is, when at the last cruise to Shells Restaurant, Dianna for reasons unknown,

slipped off the chair on to the floor and—you guessed it—did not spill a drop. Dianna—third time's the charm and we will look forward to it.

During the Christmas Boat Parade we all watched the lights on **Tony Angel's Seraphim** flicker and die. Since most of us have been there we thought nothing of it. It wasn't until we found that Tony's Christmas light wiring was a real “malfunction junction”—an explosion waiting to happen and explode it did. So the moral to this story is NEVER but NEVER seek Tony's advice on anything electric.

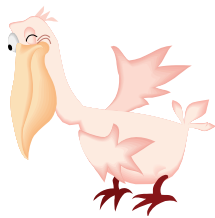
Well, **Corinne O'Donnell** is back for her monthly award. She seems determined to make *Thursday's Child* a demolition derby entry. This is what all of us see when we spot a marker—this is what Corinne sees when she spots the same marker. Yes, Corinne hit a marker dead center and really did a number on her bow rail and anchor roller. What next, Corinne?

April Birthdays

Nina Berkheiser	April 2	Candy Sabella	April 17
Patricia (Pat) Allen	April 3	Jessica Trehy	April 18
Chris Sangster	April 5	Donna Tosoni	April 19
Angela Hurley	April 8	Vilma Liebler	April 20
Betty Daughtry	April 8	Breanna Setree	April 20
Bob Colvitto	April 8	Bruce Sinclair	April 21
Joy Feininger	April 14	Rick French	April 24
Lynda Colvitto	April 15	LaDawn Bell	April 27
Keith Ray	April 15		

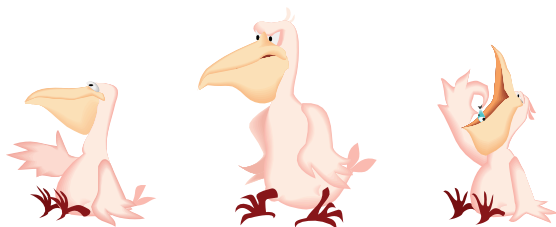
Facts about the brown pelican

By Gerri Angel, Historian



- The Brown Pelican is approximately 52" in length.
- Male and female pelicans have the same coloring.
- Pelicans become mature in three years. At their maturity the heads of both the male and females turn white.
- The heads of both male and females turn yellow during mating season. After mating is accomplished, the nest is built, and the eggs are laid, the birds slowly lose their yellow feathers, so that by the time the egg hatches, their heads are white.
- The male selects the nesting site which is usually in the mangrove bushes on small islands along the coast. He finds the materials for the nest, and the female builds the nest.
- Pelicans are silent birds so they use a figure-eight movement of their heads during courtship.
- Pelicans lay an average of three eggs. Male and female take turns incubating the eggs, and feeding the newly hatched chicks.
- The egg takes 30 days to hatch. The baby pelican is fully grown and ready to leave the nest at 10 or 11 weeks of age. The Pelican's life span is 20-30 years.
- Pelicans return to the same nesting ground year after year, but do not mate for life.
- Young pelicans must learn to become good fishermen, and when they do they become the world's finest. They cruise anywhere from 10-70 feet above the surface of the water. They can see their target from great heights because of their keen eyesight. The pelican's eye is bigger than his brain and has 1 million visual cells. (the White pelican does not dive for its food, but rather, works together with other White Pelicans to spot a school of fish. They beat their wings and scoop up the fish in their beaks.)

*Above facts taken from "The Passionate Pelican"
by Suzanne W. Pierot*



Clean club continued from page 9

I find it sad that members have picked up dog feces at least 4 times in the last month. I'm talking IN-SIDE! This is supposed to be a fun club. I am losing people willing to throw the monthly dinner because of a certain few who show extreme irresponsibility. If the City ever walked in after one of our events, they would have a new use for this property and that would be a landfill!! Is this thing on? Am I getting through to anybody? I may now get a few nasty looks from people when I enter the club, but I really think that most will agree with me. We are laid back, yes. We are zoo animals, no.

A possible new member walking into such filth is not going to be eager to join up. Would you? It is really about time for the members of this club to take pride in their surroundings. We just had the building painted and looking good, so let's have people focus on the fresh new look and not on the disarray. I hope this has just been an oversight and you can all be counted on now to realize the problem and do your part in rectifying it. It will make all the difference in the world.

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Gen. Meeting 8 p.m.	22 Work Day Cheeseburger...
23 Club Race 9 am Skipper's	24	25	26	27	28	29 Fun Day 1 to 4 p.m.