

The Windscoop

North Florida Cruising Club

The NFCC is Moving!

Due to the long-awaited construction at the Florida Gun & Tackle Club, the NFCC meeting for February is moving to Beach Marine. See Director Bill Pierce's article, next to the Cruise Captains' report, for all the details. I'm looking forward to the change. Beach Marine has a great facility for us no matter what the weather!

I have a Dream...

by Vice Commodore Don Gilbert

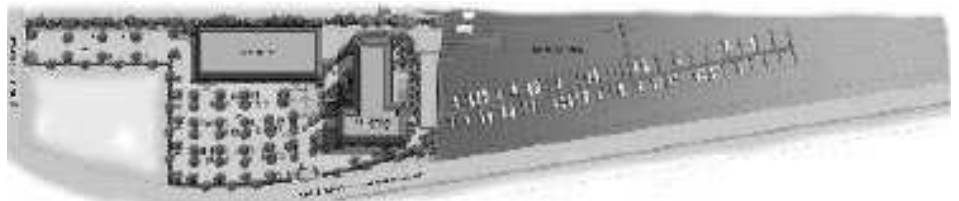
Unfortunately the Sea Tow representative could not make it for our January program. I was very fortunate that Jack Feeney helped me arrange Hal Gilreath, Jr. Hal did an excellent job filling in at the last minute for us. It is interesting how small the sailing world really is and how some of you knew Hal's father. Hal's presentation featuring the International Snipe Competitions held in Japan was very well done and informative. I certainly have a better insight into this classic one-design two-man boat and its popularity. Jacksonville sailors have a unique opportunity to showcase our very own St. Johns River as a venue for the Women's National Snipe competition hosted by The Florida Yacht Club, to be held in March. If you would like to contribute some of your time, I am sure it will be rewarding for you and the competitors.

Now, I have a dream to sail across the Atlantic to cruise the Mediterranean. Some of you have expressed the desire to share in that dream. Several NFCC members have already achieved this goal. Others of you may not have that dream, but dreams of sailing adventures just as exciting to you. Our program next month will feature a fellow local sailor who has already lived my dream and is planning to live it again next year. He is a good friend and passionate sailor that did a return passage from Europe solo. I am sure you will enjoy some entertaining insight into this kind of experience that some of us can only dream to have one day.

Condos vs. Boaters

Commodore Leslie Berdahl

Developers Julian LeCraw and his sidekick T. C. Heilin are back with a new marina to convert into condominiums. They have their sights set on Julington Creek Marina. The neighborhood is organizing to fight the 13-story development that also includes a strip mall, but they need your help. I was amazed and impressed at the number of NFCC members who came to all the meetings to try to save ORBY two years ago. We fought the good fight and thought we came out with a good compromise. Unfortunately, the plan did not work out as we hoped.



What may become of Julington Creek Marina

Making the situation more difficult, the developers are getting smarter with each fight. They know the opposition will argue certain points and they try to head them off at the pass. This time their original plans included keeping the dry storage and a public marina. The new plan eliminates both of these items and includes a caveat that they can change the approved PUD at anytime without going before the committees again. Susie Scott (susiescott@aol.com) is leading the anti-condo battle on this front. I invited Susie or a representative from her organization to come to our February meeting to update us on what is happening and how we can help.

As we know, developers are buying marinas to develop their waterfront condominiums because it is easier than trying to get a permit for a new marina. If it doesn't stop, there won't be a place left in Florida for recreational boaters to keep their boats without being forced to join a fancy yacht club, live in a pricey development, or buy a condo. By the time the local governments wake up and wonder why there aren't any boats in their Light Parade, it will be too late. According to Susie, the city council member for the Julington Creek Marina district, Sharon Copeland, wants this new development on the fast track for approval. We need to do whatever is necessary to at least slow down the process.

If you can't attend any zoning, planning, or council meetings, please contact your council representative to express your outrage that they are letting another marina close for condominiums. Remember, every member of the city council has a vote and every member must run for re-election. Let them hear your voice!

I hope to see you all at our February meeting at Beach Marine.



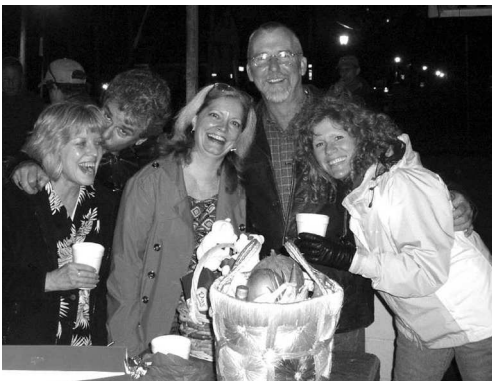
Cruising with Windflo: 2006
Cruise Captains KC Knapp and Katy Sullivan

By the time you're reading this, our first cruise has already occurred! It was the Sweetheart Cruise down to Green Cove Springs. If you missed it, you really missed a great time.



Your party masters, KC and Katy

Five boats made the trip down in an awesome wind. Most of us just had our headsail out and still clipped along at a quick pace. We all had slips at the docks and were able to party on into the night. We cooked breakfast aboard Windflo for those who were still around in the



*Shiny happy people laughing ...
 Romaine, Dave, Leslie, Ken and ?*

morning. The basket exchange was creative with everything from body frosting to coconuts! As for the trip back, all we can say is WOW! We saw 30knot winds and again sailed with the headsail only. It was a bit chilly, but that's what jackets are for!

Moving on to next month... The St. Paddy's Day Cruise! We will be leading the way down to the Landing on Saturday the 18th of March sometime in the morning. We will be at the dock at the Landing early in the day waiting for you to come along side of us or start your own raft-up. Once we are all assembled, we'll pick a spot to hammer down some cool

ones in celebration of our favorite leprechauns. We hear that some of you absolutely love beer, even if it is green! We'll spend the night and pull out in the morning. Bloody Marys aboard Windflo will be in order before departure.



Important Notice

Due to construction at our normal meeting place, The Florida Gun & Tackle Club, our February and March meetings will be moved to Beach Marine. The dates and times for the meeting are unchanged. Beach Marine is located on the northeast side of the McCormick Bridge (Beach Blvd. over the ICW). The meeting will be held inside/outside (weather permitting) of the old H2O Club. Look just east of the 3-story office building.

As this is not a working club, there is no one to serve your favorite beverages. There will be some beer, wine, and soft drinks provided by your host club members, B&B. If you prefer your own brand over OP brands feel free to BYOB. If you have any questions or need more information feel free to contact Bill Pierce at 318-1783 or bpierce@cfs-florida.com.

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Race Captain Report

'Trophies' on your boat! - Lew Everline

As you know by now, the first NFCC race has been moved to February 25th in order to allow time for all of us to go and enjoy the Miami International Boat Show, which conflicted with the original date.

I have always enjoyed that show not only for the chance to see, touch and feel new boats and equipment designs, enjoy the international flavor of Miami but also because that little dose of warmer weather always seems to tell you that spring is on the way and good sailing is just around the corner. One person told me last week that when he gets back from the show every year that the weather here is always warmer than when he left and that change always coincides with the Miami show.

So, hopefully, this year will be true to form and we will have balmy temperatures and fair winds for the first race on the 25th. We will be staging the race out of Whitney's Marine again so plan on arriving there for the Skippers' meeting at 10:45am. I promise the longest race I think we can finish in time for a gathering back at Whitney's. I am trying to make sure that food and drinks are available there. The results will be announced after the race and trophies awarded if they are finished in time. If not, they will be awarded at the March meeting.

Speaking of trophies, I am going to try something new this year. This is an idea brought to us from Erie, PA where they award flags as trophies. They are blue for first, red for second, and yellow for third. They have the club logo, the name of the race and the year. The idea is that you get something to hang on the wall at home or on the boat in lieu of all those trophies you have stored away in boxes. But the fun part is that they are also *battle* flags and each boat raises *all* their flags prior to a race to show off just how good they are. Reports are that the top boats look like a Christmas tree at the dock before the race! Hopefully, after a season or two we will have NFCC boats that look like Christmas trees too. A bigger, nicer flag will be awarded to series winners and a REALLY big, REALLY special flag will go to the boat of the year. Reliable sources report that this will be the format for the First Coast Offshore Challenge awards as well.

So now is the time! The Miami show is next week and it heralds spring on the water. So clean your bottoms, shake out the winter cobwebs, take the interior out of the old speedster and let's go racing. No excuses, boys and girls, the football season is over, nothing is on TV, and you know darned well you are a better sailor than the next guy. Come on out, earn your battle flags and fly them proudly!!

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Editor's Note

We lost Pablo Creek Marina and Ortega River Boat Yard to the Condo developers, and in addition, lost several apartment complexes that had dockage, to condos. Dockage in Jacksonville is getting more difficult and extremely costly. This is a state-wide trend. We applaud our Commodore's efforts along with the many NFCC members and citizens of Jacksonville that realize the coming challenges to public access to the water, and the lack of affordable dockage. Keep us informed and keep up the good work!



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Return of *Adopt-A-Racer*

Rear Commodore - *Chuck Fields*

Hi everyone! I hope you had a happy New Year. By the time you get this Windscoop, the realities of your New Years resolutions, the bills from the Holidays and taxes are hitting you between the eyes. But not to worry! We have enough races and cruises to take your mind off all that. So throw those bills in the bottom drawer and have a Twinkie because it is going to be a great year.

I am going to restart the Adopt-A-Racer program this year. I will get a small group together to help me get the ball rolling.

Past-Commodores Tom Davis and Dave Kyser have passed down all the information I need to make this a success.

What is the Adopt-A-Racer program? If you are a cruiser or someone who is new to racing, then this is a program for you. The idea behind this program is to have an experienced "adopted" racer to crew aboard your boat. Experienced racers or "rock stars" can sign up to crew aboard other boats in races. For cruisers new to racing, this is a great opportunity to improve your abilities and enhance the performance of your boat. The Adopt-A-Racer program covers things like gear, tactics, and what those silly flags mean. There will be three practice starts, and then a short race. After we're done we will

grill some hamburgers and have a few libations. You know...just make it fun. The date for the Adopt-A-Racer is still TBA. I will need experienced racers to volunteer to be adopted. If you are interested please contact me. Watch the Windscoop for updates on this.

Racing helps out our club more than you think. We need boats out there. And a river full of boats sure looks nice. So get out there. Hope to see you soon.

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Welcome Aboard!



James Boswell: *Moonlighting* is a Newport 27 that he keeps at Whitney's

Kenneth (Hoss) and Cindy Thomas: *Ponderosa* is a Bayfield 32 that they keep at the Rudder Club.

Ivey Russell: *Cool Change* is a Starwind 22 that is kept at Arlington Marina

Brent Fulton: *Boom* is a Ultimate 24 that he keeps at Navy Jax Yacht Club



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